

# Public Service Commission of Montana



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## Natural Gas Service

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#### Availability and Applicability of Service:

In all communities served for all interruptible general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas fueled load will exceed an input rate of 2,500,000 Btu per hour, metered at a single delivery point and whose use of natural gas will not exceed 100,000 dk annually. 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. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$125.00 per month	
Distribution Delivery Charge:	<u>Maximum</u> \$.742 per dk	<u>Minimum</u> \$.101 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly- See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate	

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.12, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

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#### Cost of Gas:

The cost of gas includes all applicable cost of gas items as defined in the Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Procedure Rate 88 or any amendments or alterations thereto. The cost of gas component is subject to change on a monthly basis.

#### Universal System Benefits Charge:

Bills are subject to the charge for the Universal System Benefits Program as set forth in Rate 89.

#### General Terms and Conditions:

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 whenever, in the 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 Rate 100, §V.10.
2. STANDBY REQUIREMENTS:
  - a. If Company-approved equipment and fuel for standby service is not installed and maintained, the Company, in its discretion, may install automatic shut-off equipment in order to allow for the interruption of natural gas supply. The cost of the equipment and its installation shall be paid for by customer. The cost shall be the current market price for such equipment including the current installation costs. 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

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remain the sole property of the Company. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.

- b. Customer shall provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply or other power source acceptable to the Company and 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 the Company of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly operate equipment. Customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company's connection of the automatic shut-off 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. Customer's firm load must be separately metered if Company-approved equipment and fuel for standby service is not installed and maintained.
3. 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 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 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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4. AGREEMENT - Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder. If mutually agreed to by the Company and customer, the term of service reflected in such agreement may be amended. Upon expiration of service, customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under another appropriate rate schedule for customer's operations.
5. OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY THE COMPANY OF CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS - Customer will be required as specified in the service agreement to notify the 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 customer equal to the penalty amounts the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
6. METERING REQUIREMENTS:
  - a. Remote data acquisition equipment required by the 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 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.
  - b. Customer shall provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, a 120 volt, 15 ampere, AC power supply or other power source acceptable to the Company and acceptable telephone service available at customer's meter location(s). Customer agrees to provide and maintain, at no cost to the Company, any necessary telephone enhancements to assure the Company

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of a quality telephone signal necessary to properly transmit data. 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 and/or reprogram the Company's remote data acquisition equipment when the service call is the result of a failure or change in communication or power source provided by customer or damage to Company's equipment.
7. RULES - The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100-124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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