

I. Meter Reading, Billing and Collection: (Cont'd.)

12-month experience, adjusted for known changes. If 12 months of billing data are not available for the customer, then 12 months of billing data for the premises shall be used. If 12 months of billing data are not available for the premises, then the utility shall estimate future consumption over the next 12 month period. Each such plan shall provide that bills clearly identify consumption and state the amounts that would be due without levelized or budget billing; such information need not be supplied on interim bills for customers billed on a bimonthly basis. Each such plan shall provide that bills be subject to regular review for conformity with actual billings. Further details on Residential Levelized Payment Plans are available in the Company Office.

7. Interest on Customer Overpayments:

The Company shall provide interest on customer overpayments in accordance with 16 NYCRR 277.

A customer overpayment is defined as payment by the customer to the Company in excess of the correct charge for gas service supplied to the customer which was caused by erroneous billing by the Company.

The rate of interest on customer overpayments shall be the greater of the unadjusted customer deposit rate specified by the Commission or the applicable late payment rate, if any, for the service classification under which the customer was billed. Interest shall be paid from the date when the customer overpayment was made, adjusted for any changes in the deposit rate or late payment rate, and compounded monthly, until the date when the overpayment was refunded.

The company shall be required to pay interest on any customer refunds that occurred on or after March 20, 1984, except where customer overpayments are refunded within 30 days after such overpayment is received by the Company.

- (a) a meter registering more than 2% fast;
- (b) use of an incorrect fixed factor pressure constant;
- (c) use of an incorrect therm billing factor;
- (d) incorrect service classification, provided the information supplied by the customer was not