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#### 41. RETAIL ACCESS PROGRAM (Cont'd)

##### O. ENERGY SWITCH - ESCO REFERRAL PROGRAM

The Energy Switch program is designed to provide residential and small commercial customers with an opportunity to try out competitive energy supply alternatives and receive a guaranteed discount during an introductory period. The Energy Switch program complies with the New York State Public Service Commission's Order in Case Nos. 05-M-0858 and 05-M-0332 issued and effective December 22, 2005 ("December 22, 2005 Order") and the Guidelines for ESCO Referral Programs contained therein, as both may be modified from time to time by the Commission.

##### Availability of Energy Switch

The Company will require that at least two (2) ESCOs, providing gas supply service and who are serving residential customers, participate in the Energy Switch program or the program will not be offered.

##### Customer Eligibility

All customers taking service under Service Classification Nos. 1 and 2, where annual usage under Service Classification No. 2 does not exceed 5,000 Ccf, and who are not presently being served by an ESCO are eligible to participate in the Energy Switch program. Powerful Opportunities accounts, summary billed accounts, previous participants in Energy Switch and unmetered accounts are not eligible.

##### ESCO Eligibility

In order to participate in the Energy Switch program, approved ESCOs must execute a Billing Service Agreement, providing for the issuance of Central Hudson consolidated bills, and the Supplemental Agreement for Energy Switch contained in the Company's Billing Service Agreement.

##### Energy Switch Policies

The following information defines Company policies related to the Energy Switch program, which follows the "ESCO Service approach" as defined in the December 22, 2005 Order, that are not specifically addressed in the Guidelines for ESCO Referral Programs.

1. Customers participating in the Energy Switch program will be permitted to affirmatively choose a specific participating ESCO. Customers that do not express a preference will be assigned at random, on a rotating basis, to an ESCO drawn from the list of participating ESCOs.

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