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

# M. <u>BILLING OF RETAIL SUPPLIER</u> (Cont'd)

- (d) <u>Charges to Retail Suppliers From Company</u> (Cont'd)
  - 5. The costs associated with a Retail Supplier initiated suspension of a consolidated bill customer's delivery service.
  - 6. Other rates and charges approved by the Public Service Commission and set forth in Central Hudson's tariff, including, but not limited to, transportation or distribution rates, miscellaneous surcharges and taxes.

#### N. INCREASE IN RATES AND CHARGES

The rates and charges applicable to Retail Suppliers are increased pursuant to General Information, Section 30 to reflect the applicable tax rate.

## O. <u>CREDITWORTHINESS</u>

### (a) Applicability

Creditworthiness standards apply to each individual Retail Supplier selling natural gas to retail customers; and, to retail customers acquiring their own energy supplies (Direct Customers). Central Hudson requires no security in situations where it bills customers for a Retail Supplier and retains funds so collected to offset other utility charges (e.g., imbalance charges).

To participate in Central Hudson's Retail Access Program, each Retail Supplier/Direct Customer must satisfy a credit appraisal based on independent bond/credit ratings and provide any security that may be found necessary. Central Hudson will review security requirements and credit appraisals annually.

(b) <u>Creditworthiness Determinants for Retail Suppliers</u> (See Section (e) below for credit requirements for Direct Customers)

A Retail Supplier can satisfy Central Hudson's credit requirement by:

- posting security in an acceptable form as listed in Section D helow;

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