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GENERAL INFORMATION

10. GENERAL RETAIL ACCESS - MULTI-RETAILER MODEL (Cont'd)

Customer Responsibility

Under this Schedule, the ESCO is responsible for planning a gas supply sufficient for the needs of the service points in its Balance Control Account and for delivering gas to the Company's system, and for meeting the requirements of all other provisions of this Rule 10.J. The ESCO is responsible for payment to the Company all charges associated with the applicable service classification and in this tariff, including all daily and monthly cashout amounts, surcharges, penalties and applicable taxes.

Balance Control Account

The Customer service points of an ESCO taking delivery service under the applicable Service Classification of this tariff will be assigned to a Balance Control Account for balancing service. A separate Balance Control Account will be established for each type of balancing service elected by the ESCO for its Customer service points.

Designation Of Third Party Agent

An ESCO may designate a third party to act as agent for the ESCO for the purposes of carrying out any of the required functions required by this Schedule. The ESCO remains financially responsible for all rates and charges of this Rule 10.J.

Capacity Requirements

The ESCO is responsible for planning a gas supply sufficient for the needs of the service points in its Balance Control Account and for the transportation capacity required to deliver it to the Company's system.

ESCOs serving Customers who were continuously taking service under Service Classification No. 3 - General Service Firm Transportation of the Company's Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 16 until the time of transfer to applicable Service Classification, Service Classification No. 3 of P.S.C. No. 17, and who converted to such service classification No. 3 from Service Classification No. 1 - General Service of P.S.C. No. 16 after November 1, 1996 must demonstrate to the Company that they have contracted for a sufficient amount of firm, non-recallable, primary delivery point capacity to the Company's citygate, during the months of November through March, to meet the peak day needs of those Customers. This section also applies to Service Classification No. 7 customers whose annual use is greater than or equal to 35,000 therms and who meet the above criteria.

ESCOs serving Customers who have been continuously served under Service Classification No. 3 - General Service Firm Transportation of the Company's Schedule for Gas Service, P.S.C. No. 16 from prior to November 1, 1996 until the time of transfer to applicable Service Classification, Service Classification No. 3 of P.S.C. No. 17, and who are human needs customers must demonstrate annually to the Company that they have contracted for a sufficient amount of firm, non-recallable, primary delivery point capacity to the Company's citygate, during the months of November through March, to meet the peak day needs of those Customers, or demonstrate to the Company that its Customer has dual-fuel capability to meet such peak day needs. Such dual-fuel capability shall be capable of handling an extended outage; and it shall be the ESCO's responsibility to provide annual proof or certification that the equipment has been tested. This section also applies to Service Classification No. 7 customers whose annual use is greater than or equal to 35,000 therms and who meet the above criteria.

During the months of November through March, ESCOs serving Customers under Service Classification No. 5 or Service Classification No. 7 whose annual use is less than 35,000 therms, of this tariff must demonstrate to the Company that they have contracted for a sufficient amount of firm, non-recallable, primary delivery point capacity to the Company's citygate to meet the winter season design day needs of those Customers.

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