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3.6.1 Definition of core customers.

Core market customers lack alternatives. They take either (a) firm sales service, and lack installed equipment capable of burning fuels other than gas; or (b) firm transportation service. Back-up and standby services provided to firm transportation customers are core market services.

3.7 Long Term Curtailment - for Customers Purchasing Gas Supplies from the Company and Human Needs Customers

Long Term Curtailment will be defined by the Company as curtailment which is not covered under short term curtailment set forth in Rule 3.6 above.

- 3.7.1 Curtailment will proceed through the 8 priorities in paragraph 3.7.2 below starting with Priority 1, and will require curtailment by the affected customer after not less than two hours notice by telephone or otherwise. The Company will notify customers when curtailment of consumption is no longer required.
  - 3.7.1.1 Curtailment within class will be instituted in order by size for Priority 1 Customers. Curtailment Priorities 2-8 will be curtailed on either a prorated or size basis at the sole discretion of the Corporation.
  - 3.7.1.2 If the reason for the curtailment is in the Company's sole judgment due to a force majeure condition, the Company will curtail services in accordance with the short term curtailment provisions in set forth in Rule 3.6.

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