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SERVICE CLASSIFICATION NO. 5A - Continued

C. Creditworthiness:

Customers with service agreements of less than one year may be required to pay their minimum commodity charge in advance each month. Customers with service agreements of less than one year, whose minimum commodity charge is defined over a period of more than one month, may be required to make advance monthly minimum bill payments at a rate which, in the Company's sole discretion, is equivalent to one month's service. For service agreements whose term is one year or more, the obligation to pay the minimum commodity charge shall be secured by a letter of credit from a responsible financial institution, or by other security acceptable to the Company. If, at any time, the Company determines, in its sole discretion, that the continuation of service to a customer presents an undue credit risk, the Company may require, as a condition to continuing service, that the customer post a letter of credit or other financial security satisfactory to the Company to secure payment of the minimum commodity charge.

D. 1. Standby Fuel Requirements:

Customers taking service under this service classification must have provable storage capacity and alternate fuel on hand at the beginning of the winter season to withstand interruptions of service for at least ten days. This requirement is for Customers whose alternate fuel is distillate and non-distillate in the case of human needs Customers. If Customer lacks sufficient storage to hold ten days of supply, Customer must enter the heating season with filled tanks and arrangements providing for replenishment of storage tanks such that the initial storage plus the replenishment equals the required storage inventory. However, this will not apply if the Customer stipulates in writing that the Customer is willing and able to shut down during periods of interruption.

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