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3.4.3

Ten (10) days of alternate fuel requirement (or 5 days for applicable special contract customers) will be computed by determining the customer\*s average monthly gas usage in therms for the winter period November through March based on the prior three (3) winter seasons. If 3 years of data is not available, a shorter period of time may be used. This monthly average monthly consumption will then be divided by 30 and then multiplied by 10 days (or 5 days as appropriate). The resulting therms will then be converted to gallons by dividing by the appropriate conversion factor. If no customer history exists, the estimated winter season gas usage in therms provided by the customer will be utilized.

3.4.3.1 The customer shall have the ability to request a revision to the alternate fuel requirements as computed in this paragraph. The Company shall, however, have the sole discretion to accept any requested revisions.

3.4.4 Penalties for Non Compliance

3.4.4.1 If the customer fails to meet the requirements of Rule 3.4.1, 3.4.2, and Rule 3.5 below, as of November 1 of each heating season or becomes noncompliant during the winter period, the customer will be billed an additional charge from November 1 to the date the customer became non compliant. The additional charge will continue until the customer is in compliance with the requirements of Rules 3.4.1, 3.4.2, and 3.5 of this rate schedule.

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