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IV. Standard Agreement

If the Company and the customer or applicant are unable to agree upon specific terms, the Company will offer a DPA with the following terms:

- (a) A downpayment up to 15 percent of the amount covered by the payment agreement or the cost of one-half of one month's average usage, whichever is greater, or if the amount covered by the agreement is less than one-half of one month's average usage, 50 percent of such amount;
- (b) and monthly installments up to the cost of one-half of one month's average use or one-tenth of the balance, whichever is greater.

V. Entering the Agreement

A copy of the written DPA must be signed by the customer or applicant and returned to the Company in order to be valid and enforceable. When customers are subject to a final notice of termination, the signed DPA must be returned to the Company by the day before the earliest day on which termination may occur in order to avoid service termination. If the DPA is not signed and returned as required, the Company will proceed to terminate gas service.

VI. Renegotiating Agreements

If a customer or applicant demonstrates that his or her financial circumstances have changed significantly because of circumstances beyond his or her control, the Company will amend the terms of the DPA to reflect such changes.

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