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## 27. ADJUSTMENT OF RATES IN ACCORDANCE WITH CHANGES IN THE COST OF GAS

## Factor of Adjustment

The Average Cost of Gas applicable to Service Classification Nos. 1 and 2 shall be increased each month by a factor of 1.0070 to reflect system line losses.

In accordance with the New York State Public Service Commission's Opinion and Order in Case No. 90-G-0673, the factor of adjustment to adjust the cost of gas for lost and unaccounted for gas will be determined in each Company rate case. Pursuant to the Order in Case No. 14-G-0319, the factor of adjustment will exclude line pack and conversion values and will be calculated as the five-year average for the twelve months ending August  $31^{st}$  of each year and updated each year to be applicable to the period November 1 to October 31. Annual negative values when calculating the five-year average will be set to zero. Actual performance against the factor of adjustment will be determined utilizing a dead band of two standard deviations, limited to  $\pm 0.5\%$ , with the minimum for the bottom of the dead band set at 1.0000.

## Gas Supply Charge

The Gas Supply Charge is designed to collect the gas expense incurred by the Company to serve customers taking service under Service Classification Nos. 1 and 2. The Gas Supply Charge will be applied to all Ccf usage during the billing period pursuant to the effective date of the Gas Supply Charge. Gas Supply Charges will be prorated based on the number of days each Gas Supply Charge is in effect during a customer's billing period.

The Gas Supply Charge statement shall be filed not less than three days prior to the date on which it is proposed to become effective, except that a new statement may be filed on one day's notice to become effective not more than five days after the effective date of the initial statement if the replacement of cost estimates in the initial statement with actual figures results in a change in either the Average Demand Cost of Gas or the Average Commodity Cost of Gas of more than five percent.

The Gas Supply Charge shall be equal to the sum of the Average Demand Cost of Gas and the Average Commodity Cost of Gas as computed herein, multiplied by the Factor of Adjustment and adjusted for the Annual Reconciliation of Gas Expense, Gas Supplier Refunds, the Interruptible Sales Credit, the Capacity Release Credit, the Back Out Credit Surcharge, the Incremental Capacity Cost and all other adjustments as approved by the New York State Public Service Commission.

(1) The Average Demand Cost of Gas shall be computed by applying the fixed rates and charges of the transporters, storage providers, and suppliers to the billing determinants associated with pipeline capacity, and supplier reservation charges, and dividing by, the weather normalized quantities of gas taken for delivery to the Company's own sales customers during the twelve calendar months immediately preceding the computation date. These costs will be further adjusted by reducing the demand costs by the weighted average cost of the capacity, peaking service, and storage services assigned to core transportation customers. Finally, these costs shall be increased by the allowance for bad debt related to the demand costs.