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**Rider 17  
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Applicable to Rates 1, 4, 5 and Riders 15 and 16

**Purpose.**

The purpose of this Rider is to allow a Q-AGS the option to have the Company purchase such Q-AGS's Qualifying Receivables on the terms and subject to the conditions specified herein.

This Rider also provides the methodology and terms under which the Company is provided with full recovery of the costs it incurs to provide service under this Rider, including the costs of any uncollected receivables that may arise as a result of the purchase of Qualifying Receivables.

**Definitions.**

As used in this rider, the terms below are defined as follows:

**Actual Uncollected Receivables**

Actual Uncollected Receivables shall mean the write-off amounts for Qualifying Receivables purchased by the Company pursuant to this Rider.

**Administrative and Operational Costs (AOCs)**

Administrative and Operational Costs (AOCs) shall mean incremental expenses incurred by or for the Company in association with services provided under this Rider including, without limitation, (a) ongoing electronic data transfer costs; (b) costs for obtaining Commission approvals and participation in regulatory proceedings; (c) staffing required to address questions from Q-AGS and others regarding services provided under this Rider; (d) financial tracking, audit, and reconciliation activities with respect to the this Rider; (e) other staffing required to administer and address questions from Q-AGSs and others regarding services provided under this Rider; (f) fees, charges, billings or assessments related to this Rider; (g) costs or expenses associated with equipment, devices, or services that are purchased, provided, installed, operated, maintained or monitored for services provided under this Rider; and (h) legal, auditing and consultant costs related to this Rider.

**Capital Recovery Costs (CRC)**

Capital Recovery Costs (CRC) shall mean the revenue requirement necessary to recover the Company's investment in information technology systems necessary for the PORCB Program. CRC shall include: (a) initial programming changes to implement the PORCB Program; (b) general billing system and related enhancements required for the PORCB Program; (c) development of information technology to implement the PORCB Program; and (d) future system modifications required to maintain information technology system integrity and functionality related to the provisions of the PORCB Program. Such investment costs are not already included in base delivery service rates and shall be treated as a regulatory asset. Annually, Capital Recovery Costs shall equal the five-year levelized revenue requirement sufficient to recover the return of and on the Company's investments, described above, at an 8.09% rate of return as approved in Docket No. 08-0363.

**Customer Select Participant** shall refer to a Customer that is purchasing gas commodity from a Q-AGS under the terms of Rider 15 - Customer Select.

**Discount Factor (DF)**

A Q-AGS Discount Factor (DF) of 1.5% shall be applied to Qualifying Receivables (QR) purchased by the Company from the Q-AGS. The Discount Factor includes .5% for Capital Recovery Costs.

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**Eligible Residential Customers (ERC)** shall refer to all residential customers receiving a consolidated bill from the Company which includes gas supply charges from a Q-AGS electing service under this Rider.

**Eligible Non-residential Customers (ENRC)** shall collectively refer to all non-residential customers, on Rate 4 – General Service and Rate 5 - Seasonal Use Service, receiving a consolidated bill from a Q-AGS electing service under this Rider.

**Intangible Costs** shall not exceed 0.5% of the face amount of Qualifying Receivables purchased by the Company. Revenues associated with recovering these costs shall be recorded below the line in Account 417, Revenues from Non-Utility Operations, under certain conditions as described under the Intangible Cost Factor (ICF). Recovered Intangible Costs shall not be utilized to reduce Nicor Gas' revenue requirement in a future rate case or regulatory proceeding.

**Legitimate Billing Dispute**

Legitimate billing dispute means a disagreement between a retail customer and a Q-AGS regarding the gas commodity supply service provided to such retail customer by such Q-AGS for which the receivables were purchased and printed on a consolidated bill by the Company that asserts a claim that is recognized by law. A disagreement is not considered a legitimate billing dispute until such time that the Company receives notification of such disagreement from such Q-AGS or the Consumer Services Division (CSD) of the ICC. If a retail customer contacts the Company to dispute a Q-AGS charge, the Company must refer such retail customer to such Q-AGS for resolution and provide such retail customer with contact information for the ICC's CSD. The Company will not remit payment to a Q-AGS for disputed charges. The Company may demand repayment from the Q-AGS for any disputed charges related to the disputed portion of the bill consistent with the terms of the PORCB Billing Service Agreement. Legitimate disputed charges may include, but are not limited to, disputed charges that are subject to an ongoing bill inquiry, pending litigation, arbitration, mediation, or any state or federal regulatory proceedings.

**Net Actual Uncollectible Costs**

Net Actual Uncollectible Costs (NAUC) shall mean the amount actually written off by the Company for receivables purchased by the Company from a Q-AGS during the POR Application Period in accordance with the provisions of this rider less the total amount by which such purchased receivables were reduced by the Discount Factor of 1.5% during such POR Application Period. The resulting amount may be positive or negative.

**Non-Residential POR Adjustment (PORA<sub>NR</sub>)**

The Non-residential POR Adjustment (PORA<sub>NR</sub>) shall be applied to all Eligible Non-residential customers receiving service from a Q-AGS participating in the PORCB Program. The PORA<sub>NR</sub> is intended to recover the working capital necessary to operate the PORCB Program for Non-residential customers, its ongoing Administrative and Operational Costs, Intangible Costs, and Net Actual Uncollectible Costs to the extent that they are not recovered through collection of the Q-AGS Discount Factor.

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**POR Application Period**

The initial Purchase of Receivables (POR) Application Period is the period of time that begins at the start of the first effective monthly billing period of Rider PORCB and extends for twenty-four (24) monthly billing periods. Any subsequent POR Application Period means a period of time that extends for twenty-four (24) monthly billing periods immediately following a previous POR Application Period.

**Qualifying Alternative Gas Supplier (Q-AGS)** shall refer an Alternative Gas Supplier that: (1) is certified by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) per Section 19-110 of the Act; (2) has entered into a Supplier Aggregation Agreement with the Company and is participating and complying with the terms and conditions of Rider 16—Supplier Aggregation Service and (3) bills its gas supply charges on the utility bill under this Rider.

**Qualifying Receivables (Q-REC<sub>c</sub>)** shall mean receivables that satisfy all of the following requirements: (i) such receivables are for natural gas commodity service provided by a Q-AGS to residential retail customers and commercial customers, who are Customer Select Participants to the extent such Q-AGS has included its charges for such natural gas commodity service on the Company's bill pursuant to Section 19-135 of the Act; (ii) such receivables consist only of charges for the purchase of natural gas supplies and do not include any charges for any other goods or services; (iii) such receivables are not subject to any Legitimate Billing Dispute; (iv) such receivables are owned by such Q-AGS free and clear of any liens, security interests, pledges, encumbrances and other charges or restrictions on transfer; and (v) such receivables have arisen from providing gas supply to Customer Select Participants who were, at the time immediately prior to entering the PORCB program, or during the prior billing period, not in arrears with either the Company or the Q-AGS.

**Reconciliation Period (RP)**

The Reconciliation Period shall mean the twenty-four (24) monthly billing periods in the prior POR Application Period.

**Residential POR Adjustment (PORA<sub>R</sub>)**

The Residential POR Adjustment (PORA<sub>R</sub>) shall be applied to all Eligible Residential Customers receiving service from a Q-AGS that has elected service under this Rider. The PORA<sub>R</sub> is intended to recover the working capital necessary to provide service under this Rider for residential customers, its ongoing Administrative and Operational Costs, Intangible Costs, and Net Actual Uncollectible Costs to the extent that they are not recovered through collection of the Q-AGS Discount Factor.

**Section A – Prerequisites of Service**

Before commencing service hereunder, a Q-AGS must comply with the following prerequisites of service. Such Q-AGS must:

1. have, and demonstrate through the successful completion of the Company's testing program, the ability to electronically accept meter usage data for each retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for natural gas supply service; and

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2. have, and demonstrate through the successful completion of the Company's testing program, the ability to electronically transmit to the Company on a timely basis customer specific billing information for each retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for natural gas supply service; and
3. have, and demonstrate through the successful completion of the Company's testing program, the ability to electronically accept via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) payments for purchased receivables and adjustments from updates and corrections from the Company for gas supply service provided by the Q-AGS to retail customers with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for natural gas supply service; and
4. submit a completed Rider PORCB Billing Services Agreement form to the Company; and
5. have executed and delivered to the Company such title transfer documents as the Company may reasonably request to effectuate the sale of Qualifying Receivables from the Q-AGS to the Company in accordance with the requirements of this Rider.

**Section B – Continuing Obligations**

**Q-AGS Continuing Obligations**

A Q-AGS taking service hereunder is obligated to:

1. accept electronically meter usage data for each monthly billing period for each retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for natural gas supply service; and
2. determine the gas supply service charges, resultant billing amounts, and other relevant billing information for each monthly billing period for each retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for gas supply service; and
3. transmit electronically the necessary gas supply service charges, energy usage data, resultant billing amounts, and other relevant billing information, including all information pertaining to gas supply service provided by the Q-AGS to the retail customer as required under Rider 16 – Supplier Aggregation Service, to the Company for each retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for gas supply service no later than three (3) business days after such retail customer's meter usage data for a monthly billing period is transmitted to the Q-AGS by the Company in order for such charges, data, amounts, and information to be included on the regularly scheduled consolidated bill for such monthly billing period; and
4. warrant that all gas supply service charges, resultant billing amounts, and other relevant billing information for the retail customer transmitted to the Company as described in item (3) of this Q-AGS Continuing Obligations subsection are correct and in accordance with the terms of the Q-AGS's contractual arrangements with the retail customer and compliant with any applicable legal requirements, and that all

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receivables tendered for sale by the Q-AGS to the Company pursuant to this Rider qualify as Qualifying Receivables; and

5. sell to the Company the Q-AGS's Qualifying Receivables on the terms specified in this Rider; and

6. accept electronically purchased receivables payments and adjustments from the Company for the gas supply service provided by the Q-AGS to retail customers with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for gas supply service.

**Company Continuing Obligations**

The Company is obligated to:

1. transmit electronically meter usage data for each monthly billing period for each retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS' receivables for gas supply service no later than (1) business days after the Company determines such meter usage data for the monthly billing period for such retail customer; and

2. accept electronically the necessary gas supply service charges, and energy usage data, resultant billing amounts, and other agreed upon billing information transmitted by the Q-AGS for the monthly billing period for each retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS' receivables for gas supply service; and

3. issue a consolidated bill for the monthly billing period for each retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for gas supply service that includes (a) the necessary applicable gas supply service charges, energy usage data, resultant billing amounts, identification of the Q-AGS, and other agreed upon billing information transmitted by the Q-AGS for gas supply service provided to such retail customer within one (1) business day after accepting such charges, data, amounts, and information as described in item (2) of this Company Continuing Obligations subsection, in the event that such charges, data, amounts, and information had been timely submitted by the Q-AGS in accordance with item (3) in the Q-AGS Continuing Obligations subsection of this Continuing Obligations section; or (b) a notice that the Q-AGS's charges for the current monthly billing period are not available in the event that such charges, data, amounts, and information had not been timely submitted by the Q-AGS in accordance with item (3) in such Q-AGS Continuing Obligations subsection, and include such charges, data, billing amounts and information on the next available subsequent consolidated monthly bill for such retail customer after such charges, data, billing amounts and information are timely transmitted in accordance with item (3) in such Q-AGS Continuing Obligations subsection by such Q-AGS to the Company for such next available subsequent consolidated monthly bill; and

4. include on each consolidated monthly bill described in item (3) in this Company Continuing Obligations subsection all information pertaining to such gas supply service as required under Rider 16 – Supplier Aggregation Service; and

5. remit electronically to the Q-AGS for Qualifying Receivables purchased in accordance with this Rider the purchase price for such Qualifying Receivables specified in Section C no later than two (2) days after

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the due date of the consolidated monthly bill with the charges associated with such Qualifying Receivables issued by the Company to the retail customer.

**Section C – Purchase of Receivables**

A Q-AGS taking service hereunder must sell to the Company such Q-AGS's Qualifying Receivables either for (a) all Eligible Residential Customers and all Eligible Non-residential Customers (b) all Eligible Residential Customers only or (c) all Eligible Non-residential Customers only. A Q-AGS is not precluded from serving specific non-residential customers, without Rider PORCB, through either dual billing or the supplier's own consolidated billing program. The monthly discounted receivables amount is computed in accordance with the following equation and effective with next applicable bill period after the Q-AGS elects service:

Determination of Discounted Receivables:

$$DREC_c = Q-REC_c \times (1 - DF)$$

Where:

**DREC<sub>c</sub>** = Discounted Receivables, in dollars (\$) rounded to the cent, equal to the amount the Company must remit to the Q-AGS for gas commodity supply service related receivables sold by Q-AGS to the Company pertaining to the gas commodity supply service provided by the Q-AGS to the retail customer, c, during the monthly billing period. DREC<sub>c</sub> shall be paid to the Q-AGS no later than (2) business days after the due date of the customer's bill.

**Q-REC<sub>c</sub>** = Qualifying Receivables, in dollars (\$) rounded to the cent, equal to the gas supply service related receivables of a Q-AGS, for customer c, on the consolidated monthly bill for gas service issued by the Company for gas supply service provided to such retail customer, c, by the Q-AGS.

**DF** = Discount Factor, which is .015

**c** = either a residential or non-residential retail customer.

**Section D – POR Customer Adjustments**

The POR Adjustment shall be a per customer per month charge or credit and shall be determined pursuant to the conditions below and shall be filed with the Commission on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the month preceding its effective date. The POR Adjustment shall be added to or deducted from the customer's Monthly Customer Charge and shall be applicable to all ERCs and ENRCs by customer class.

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**Effective Component: POR Adjustment (PORA<sub>C</sub>)**

The monthly charge or credit to be billed each month during the calendar year is represented by the following formula for the residential and non-residential customer classes:

$$\text{PORA}_C = (\text{AOC} / \text{TC}) + (\text{SUA}_C + \text{ICR}_C + \text{R}_C + \text{O}_C) / \text{EC}$$

**Where:**

PORA<sub>C</sub> = Purchase of Receivables Adjustment for customer class (c) shall be a charge (if positive) or credit (if negative) applicable to all Eligible Customers (EC) being either Eligible Residential Customers (ERC) or Eligible Non-residential Customers (ENRC) as applicable, in dollars, rounded to the nearest (1) cent (\$0.01).

AOC = estimated annual Administrative and Operational Costs, in dollars (\$) rounded to the nearest cent, for the PORCB Program divided by 12 months.

TC = the forecasted number of Eligible Residential Customers (ERC) plus the forecasted number or Eligible Non-residential Customers (ENRC) receiving a consolidated bill under Rider PORCB.

SUA = the Supply Uncollectible Adjustment, in dollars (\$) rounded to the nearest cent, may be either positive or negative and shall be equal to the Estimated Discounted Receivables paid to Suppliers relating to applicable customers during the effective month (M) less the Estimated Gross Collections to be received from applicable customers during the month plus the portion of the Estimated Gross Collections associated with the Capital Cost Recovery component of the Discount Factor and an amortization of the Supply Uncollectible Balance as necessary, by customer class.

$$\text{SUA} = \text{E-DREC}_M - \text{E-GC}_M + (\text{E-GC}_M \times .005) + \text{A}$$

E-DREC<sub>M</sub> = the sum of the Estimated Discounted Receivables, in dollars (\$) rounded to the nearest cent, expected to be paid to Q-AGS for applicable customers during the effective month. It is based on estimates of the following: Qualifying Receivables, estimated gas consumption volumes, supplier commodity service costs, customer payment experience and the discount factor of 1.5%.

E-GC<sub>M</sub> = the sum of the Estimated Gross Collections, in dollars (\$) rounded to the nearest cent, expected to be received from applicable customers during the effective month. It is based upon estimates of the following: Qualifying Receivables, estimated gas consumption volumes, supplier commodity costs and customer payment experience.

A = Amortization of the cumulative Supply Uncollectible Balance (SUB), in dollars (\$) rounded to the nearest cent, as necessary, for the appropriate customer class. Factor A may be amortized over a period not to exceed 24 months and may result in either a charge (positive) or credit (negative) to the customer's monthly PORA<sub>C</sub>

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$SUB_c$  = shall equal the Supply Uncollectible Balance, in dollars (\$) rounded to the nearest cent, by customer class (c) in dollars (\$), equal to the cumulative balance resulting from the application of the SUA through the POR Application Period. The SUB shall equal:

$$SUB_c = \Sigma DREC - (\Sigma GC \times .995)$$

DREC = the cumulative sum of the actual prior months Discounted Receivables, in dollars (\$), rounded to the nearest cent, for customer class, (c).

GC = the cumulative sum of the actual prior months Gross Collections, in dollars (\$), rounded to the nearest cent, for customer class, (c).

$ICR_c$  = represents the Company's estimated monthly intangible cost recovery from eligible customers. It shall be represented by the following equation:

$$ICR_c = (\Sigma Q-REC_c \times ICF_c)$$

$ICF_c$  = the estimated intangible cost factor for the customer class (c), in decimal form, which is applied to the sum of the estimated Qualifying Receivables to be purchased during the upcoming month. If the residential portion of estimated Administrative and Operational Costs, defined as AOC X (ERC/TC), is less than or equal to 0.5% of the sum of the estimated residential Qualifying Receivables ( $\Sigma Q-REC_c$ ) then the  $ICF_c$  shall equal 0.5%. If the, estimated Non-residential portion of estimated Administrative and Operational Costs, defined as AOC X (ENRC/TC), is less than or equal to 0.5% of the sum of the estimated Non-residential Qualifying Receivables ( $\Sigma Q-REC_c$ ) then the  $ICF_c$  shall equal 0.5%. If the customer class portion of the Administrative and Operational Costs is between 0.5% and 1% of the sum of the estimated customer class Qualifying Receivables ( $\Sigma Q-REC_c$ ) then the  $ICF_c$  shall equal 1% minus the Administrative and Operational Costs divided by the sum of the  $\Sigma Q-REC_c$ . If the customer class portion of the estimated Administrative and Operational Costs are greater than 1% of the sum of the estimated customer class Qualifying Receivables ( $\Sigma Q-REC_c$ ) then the  $ICF_c$  shall equal zero.

$R_c$  = the Company determined reconciliation component for PORCB costs, calculated for the reconciliation period, in dollars for the residential and non-residential customer classifications. The reconciliation amount shall be the difference between the actual calculated  $PORA_c$  costs during the prior application period and the actual booked revenues for the  $PORA_c$ . The reconciliation component shall be recovered from or refunded to customers over 9 months, from April through December and shall be supported by a Commission filing made on or before March 20<sup>th</sup>. No reconciliation component shall be included in the January through March period. The reconciliation component shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$R_c = \text{Actual } PORA_{(c)} \text{ Costs} - \text{Actual } PORA_{(c)} \text{ Revenues}$$

Where:

$$\text{Actual } PORA_{(c)} \text{ Costs} = AOC_{(c)} + NAUC_{(c)} + ICR_c$$

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Actual  $PORA_{(c)}$  Costs = The actual Purchase of Receivables Cost adjustment for the customer class (c), in dollars (\$) rounded to the nearest cent, which equals the sum of the Administrative and Operational Costs, Net Actual Uncollectible Costs and the Intangible Cost Recovery component for the reconciliation period.

Net Actual Uncollectible Costs (NAUC) = the amount actually written off by the Company for receivables purchased by the Company from Q-AGS during the POR reconciliation period in accordance with the provisions of this rider less the total amount by which such purchased receivables were reduced by the Discount Factor of 1.5% during such POR Application Period. The resulting amount may be positive or negative. NAUC shall be represented by the following formula:

$$NAUC = RWO_C - \sum_{RP} (Q-REC_C \times .015)$$

$RWO_C$  = Receivables Write-Offs, in \$, equal to the amount actually written off by the Company for receivables purchased by the Company from the Q-AGSs in accordance with the provisions of this rider during the reconciliation period for the appropriate customer class.

$O_C$  = An amount representing the additional over- or under-recovery for a reconciliation year Ordered by the Commission to be refunded or collected to the customer class, including interest charged at the rate established by the Commission under 83 Ill. Adm. Code 280.70(e)(1) from the end of the reconciliation period to the order date in the reconciliation proceeding.

$EC$  = the estimated total number of Eligible Residential Customers (ERC) or the estimated total number of Eligible Non-Residential Customers (ENRC) as applicable for the customer class receiving a consolidated bill from a Q-AGS participating in Rider PORCB.

**Section E – Q-AGS Capital Recovery Adjustment**

The Q-AGS Capital Recovery Adjustment (CRA), by customer class, shall be applied monthly, as necessary, to Q-AGS Supplier Aggregation Service bills to collect or refund any anticipated under-collected or over-collected Capital Recovery Costs received through application of the .5% component of the Discount Factor. The CRA shall be calculated based on the following formula:

$$CRA_C = ((CRC_M - (E-GC_M \times .005)) + A_C + R_{CC} / EC) \times SC_C$$

$CRC_M$  = Capital Recovery Costs for the month (M), in dollars (\$) rounded to the nearest cent, shall be the intended monthly amount, by customer class, of the annual five-year levelized revenue requirement sufficient to recover the return of and on the Company's investments at an 8.09% rate of return as approved in Docket No. 08-0363.

$E-GC_M$  = As previously defined.

$EC$  = As previously defined.

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$A_C$  = Amortization of the cumulative difference between the intended actual Capital Recovery Costs and the amount of Capital Recovery Costs recovered through application .5% of the Discount Factor during prior months, as necessary, for the appropriate customer class. Factor A may be amortized over a period not to exceed 24 months and may result in either a charge (positive) or credit (negative) to the Q-AGS' monthly CRA.

$SC_C$  = Supplier's Eligible Residential Customers and/or Supplier's Eligible Non-Residential Customers.

$R_{CC}$  = The Company determined reconciliation component for Capital Recovery Costs, calculated for the reconciliation period, in dollars for the residential and non-residential customer classifications. The reconciliation amount shall be the difference between the actual booked levelized five-year annual revenue requirement, for the reconciliation period, sufficient to recover the return of an on the Company's investments at an 8.09% rate of return as approved in Docket No. 08-0363 and Capital Recovery Costs recovered through the Discount Factor plus Capital Recovery Adjustments recovered from Q-AGS. The reconciliation component shall be recovered from or refunded to Q-AGS over 9 months, from April through December and shall be supported by a Commission filing made on or before March 20<sup>th</sup>. No reconciliation component shall be included in the January through March period. The reconciliation component shall be calculated using the following formula:

$$R_{CC} = \text{Actual CRC}_{RP} - (\text{Actual CRC revenues}_{RP} + \text{Actual CRA revenues}_{RP})$$

**Section F – Audit and Reporting Requirements**

After each POR Application Period the Company must conduct an internal audit of its costs for such previous POR Application Period and recoveries of such costs pursuant to this rider

**Section G – Information Sheet Filings**

The Company shall file with the Commission, on or before the 20<sup>th</sup> day prior to the effective month, an information sheet specifying the charges or credits to be effective for service rendered during the upcoming month defined as the Effective Period.

**Section H – Reconciliation**

On or before August 31 following each Reconciliation Period, the Company shall file a petition with the Chief Clerk to initiate the reconciliation process. The petition shall include a reconciliation of the actual PORA costs and the actual PORA revenues booked and Capital Recovery Costs. Supporting documentation or workpapers affecting the information presented in the Company's reconciliation petition shall be provided to the Commission's Accounting Staff at the time of this filing. In conjunction with the reconciliation filing, a new information sheet may be filed adjusting the then effective PORA charge or credit under this Rider for the amount to be reconciled.

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**Section I – Commission Review**

Upon review of the reconciliation petition and reconciliation filed by the Company under Section G, the Commission may require a hearing to receive from the Company such evidence as the Commission requires regarding any aspect of determining the charges under this rider. If the Commission finds, after hearing, that any amounts were not prudent or reasonable, or were incorrectly debited or credited to this rider during that period, the Commission may by order require that the rider be adjusted by appropriate credits or debits thereto. Any adjustments so ordered shall be reflected in the adjustment Factor  $O_C$ , over a succeeding Effective Period(s). Such amount shall be adjusted for carrying charges equal to the interest rate established by the Commission under 83 Ill. Adm. Code 280.70(e)(1) applied from the end of the reconciliation period until the  $O_C$  amount is charged or refunded to customers.

**Section J – Internal Audit**

After each POR Application Period, the Company will conduct an internal audit of its costs for such previous POR Application Period and recoveries of such costs pursuant to this rider. The audit shall include at least the following tests: 1) test that costs recovered through Rider 17 are not recovered through other approved tariffs; 2) test customer bills that all Rider 17 adjustment factors are being properly billed to customers in the correct time periods; 3) test that Rider 17 revenues are properly stated and 4) test that costs classified as uncollectible expenses as reported in Form 21, Annual Report to the Illinois Commerce Commission, are being identified, recorded and properly reflected in the calculation of rates and reconciliations. The above list of determinations shall not limit the scope of the audit.

**Section K – Implementation**

Service under this rider will commence 24-months after the Commission issues a final order that is no longer subject to rehearing or appeal approving this rider.

A Q-AGS is not allowed to terminate the Company's purchase of receivables and consolidated billing of such Q-AGS's gas supply service to an individual residential or non-residential customer and continue to provide gas supply service to such customer under the utility's consolidated billing program unless the Q-AGS also terminates the Company's purchase of receivables and consolidated billing of such Q-AGS's gas supply service for all members of its residential or non-residential customer classes served by such Q-AGS. Such termination for each such retail customer is effective on the Company's next normally scheduled meter reading or billing cycle date for such retail customer. Such effective meter reading or billing cycle date is the ending date of the last monthly billing period for which the Company purchases receivables from the Q-AGS and provides consolidated billing for the amounts billed to such retail customer for the Q-AGS's gas supply service. Moreover, with respect to termination of service to the residential or non-residential customer classes, in the event that a Q-AGS makes such terminations, for a period of at least twelve (12) months following such terminations the Q-AGS may not elect to have the Company purchase receivables and provide consolidated billing of such Q-AGS's gas supply service provided to any member of the terminated class of customer.

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The Company produces and provides consolidated monthly bills for both the gas supply service provided by the Q-AGS and the gas delivery service provided by the Company. In the event that such purchase of receivables with respect to an individual customer terminates, the Company correspondingly terminates the provision of billing of gas supply service provided by the Q-AGS to such retail customer.

**Section L – Term and Termination Provisions**

For a Q-AGS first receiving service hereunder or resuming service hereunder after a previous termination of service hereunder, the initial term of service is twenty-four (24) months. Upon expiration of the initial or any renewal term of service, the term of service is automatically renewed for a period of twelve (12) months.

A Q-AGS taking service hereunder has the right to discontinue service hereunder at any time on at least sixty (60) days' written notice to the Company, provided, however, that in the event of such termination, such Q-AGS is not eligible to take service hereunder for a period of twelve (12) consecutive months. In such event, the Q-AGS must submit a new PORCB Billing Services Agreement to the Company. The termination of service hereunder for such retail customer is effective on the Company's next normally scheduled meter reading or billing cycle date for such retail customer. Such effective meter reading or billing cycle date is the ending date of the last monthly billing period for which the Company purchases receivables from the Q-AGS for the amounts billed to such retail customer for the Q-AGS's gas supply service. Following termination hereunder, it is the Q-AGS' responsibility to issue bills to the retail customer for gas supply service provided to such retail customer by such Q-AGS. The Company has the right to discontinue service to a Q-AGS hereunder if such Q-AGS (a) has its service under Rider 16 terminated; or (b) fails to abide by the continuing obligations of this rider. Such termination does not prohibit the Company from pursuing collection of amounts owed to the Company by the Q-AGS or owed to the Company by the Company's retail customers with respect to which the Company had been purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for gas supply service.

**Section M – Miscellaneous and General Provisions**

The Company reserves the right to disconnect service to a retail customer with respect to which the Company is purchasing the Q-AGS's receivables for gas supply service in accordance with the provisions of this rider and the Company's Terms and Conditions if the Company does not receive payment from such retail customer for the gas supply service provided by such Q-AGS to such retail customer and billed by the Company. The Q-AGS must abide by the provisions of any applicable tariffs or contracts with the Company under which the Company provides the Q-AGS with services.

Except as specified herein, all other provisions of the Customer's rate shall apply. The schedule of which this rider is a part includes certain Terms and Conditions. Service hereunder is subject to those Terms and Conditions including, but not limited to, Right to Disconnect Service, Customer-owned Gas, Finalized Accounts of Transportation/Storage Customers, Transportation Limitations and Amounts, the Critical Day Definition, and definitions of an Operational Flow Order Day, including any changes authorized by the Commission subsequent to the initial effective date of this rider.

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