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UNITED CITIES GAS COMPANY, A DIVISION OF
ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION

(This Schedule of Rates cancels ILL. C.C. No. 13 formerly
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PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

United Cities Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation, sometimes herein referred to as "Company" is a public utility engaged in the business of distributing and selling natural gas at retail within its authorized service areas in the State of Illinois, and subject to the jurisdiction of the Illinois Commerce Commission.

This tariff, containing replacement rates of United Cities Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation, is filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission in accordance with the Applicable statutes of Illinois and the applicable General Orders of that Commission.

Gas service will be provided to all bona fide applicants for service in accordance with the terms and conditions of Company's service regulations, and at Company's applicable rate schedules, as set forth in this tariff.

A copy of this tariff is available for inspection during business hours at each office of the Company in Illinois.

Rate Zones

The Company serves several communities in Illinois with natural gas purchased from various natural gas pipelines in accordance with separate and individual tariffs approved by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, and containing difference price levels. As used in the retail rate schedules of the tariff, rate zone designations are applicable to the communities served by the Company as follows:

Rate Zone 1 - Vandalia, Salem, Kinmundy, Alma, Cowden, Xenia, Iuka, Huey, Altamont, St. Elmo, Brownstown, Beecher City, Fairina, St. Peter and other cities supplied with gas from Natural Gas Pipeline Company of America.

Rate Zone 2 - Harrisburg, Eldorado, Raleigh, and other cities supplied with gas from Texas Eastern Transmission Corporation.

Rate Zone 3 - Metropolis, Joppa, Brookport, Salem, Kinmundy, Alma, Cowden, Xenia, Iuka, Huey and other cities supplied with gas from Trunkline Gas Company, plus Farm Tap customers along the transmission line, and other cities supplied with gas from the Trunkline Gas Company.

Rate Zone 4 - Viriden, Girard, Thayer, New Holland, Middletown, Farmersville, Waggoner, plus Farm Tap Customers along the transmission line, and other cities supplied with gas from Panhandle Eastern Pipe Line Company.

Rate Zone 5 - Salem, Kinmundy, Alma, Cowden, Xenia, Huey and other cities supplied with gas from Mississippi River Transmission Corporation.

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RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE

Schedule 110: All Zones

Availability

This schedule is available within the Company's service area to any residential or federal housing project customer using gas service primarily for domestic purposes.

Character of Service

Natural gas, with a heating value of approximately 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, supplied through a single delivery point and a single meter, at the delivery pressure of the distribution system in the area.

Facilities Charge

A monthly facilities charge of \$7.00 is payable regardless of the usage of gas.

Monthly Rate

All Consumption, per Ccf, \$.1939

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is payable on the date of issue. A charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month may be added to the amount of any residential customer's bill remaining unpaid after 21 days following the date of mailing the bill, and 14 days after the date of mailing a bill for non-residential service. When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) full business days after the due date printed on the bill, the customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

Gas Lights

For all metered gas light services under this tariff, the charge for such service shall be based on actual usage through a metered source at this tariff rate. It shall be within the Company's discretion whether a gas light should be metered, however if the gas light is unmetered, the Company may estimate and determine the appropriate consumption of the light and charge the applicable rate under this rate schedule.

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RESIDENTIAL GAS SERVICE (Continued)

Schedule 110: All Zones

Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment

Bills for service are subject to adjustment for changes in the cost of purchased gas in accordance with Service Regulations filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Service Regulations

Gas service at these schedules will be furnished in accordance with the Company's Service Regulations as filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, copies of which are available for public reference during business hours at each of the Company's offices.

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SMALL COMMERCIAL AND SMALL INDUSTRIAL GAS SERVICE

Schedule 120: All Zones

Availability

This schedule is available within the Company's service area to any commercial or industrial customer using less than 135,000 Ccf per year for any purpose at the option of the Company, to the extent gas is available. This schedule is not available to residences, apartment or federal housing projects.

Character of Service

Natural gas, with a heating value of approximately 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, supplied through a single delivery point and a single meter, at the delivery pressure of the distribution system in the area, or at such higher delivery pressure as agreed upon by customer and Company.

Facilities Charge

A monthly facilities charge of \$15.00 is payable regardless of the usage of gas.

Monthly Rate

All Consumption, per Ccf, \$.1415

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is payable on the date of issue. A charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month may be added to the amount of any residential customer's bill remaining unpaid after 21 days following the date of mailing the bill, and 14 days after the date of mailing a bill for non-residential service. When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) full business days after the due date printed on the bill, the customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

Gas Lights

For all metered gas light services under this tariff, the charge for such service shall be based on actual usage through a metered source at this tariff rate. It shall be within the Company's discretion whether a gas light should be metered, however if the gas light is unmetered the Company may estimate and determine the appropriate consumption of the light and charge the applicable rate under this rate schedule.

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SMALL COMMERCIAL AND SMALL INDUSTRIAL GAS SERVICE (Continued)

Schedule 120: All Zones

Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment

Bills for service are subject to adjustment for changes in the cost of purchased gas in accordance with Service Regulations filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Service Regulations

Gas service at these schedules will be furnished in accordance with the Company's Service Regulations as filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, copies of which are available for public reference during business hours at each of the Company's offices.

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LARGE COMMERCIAL AND LARGE INDUSTRIAL GAS SERVICE

Schedule 130: All Zones

Availability

This schedule is available within the Company's service area to any commercial or industrial customer using at least 135,000 Ccf per year for any purpose at the option of the Company, to the extent gas is available. This schedule is not available to residences, apartment or federal housing projects.

Character of Service

Natural gas, with a heating value of approximately 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, supplied through a single delivery point and a single meter, at the delivery pressure of the distribution system in the area, or at such higher delivery pressure as agreed upon by customer and Company.

Facilities Charge

A monthly facilities charge of \$15.00 is payable regardless of the usage of gas.

Monthly Rate

All Consumption, per Ccf, \$1.415

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is payable on the date of issue. A charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month may be added to the amount of any residential customer's bill remaining unpaid after 21 days following the date of mailing the bill, and 14 days after the date of mailing a bill for non-residential service. When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) full business days after the due date printed on the bill, the customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

Gas Lights

For all metered gas light services under this tariff, the charge for such service shall be based on actual usage through a metered source at this tariff rate. It shall be within the Company's discretion whether a gas light should be metered, however if the gas light is unmetered the Company may estimate and determine the appropriate consumption of the light and charge the applicable rate under this rate schedule.

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Schedule 130: All Zones

Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment

Bills for service are subject to adjustment for changes in the cost of purchased gas in accordance with Service Regulations filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Service Regulations

Gas service at these schedules will be furnished in accordance with the Company's Service Regulations as filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission, copies of which are available for public reference during business hours at each of the Company's offices.

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OPTIONAL GAS SERVICE

Schedule 150: All Zones

Availability

To Any commercial or industrial customer using 270,000 Ccf or more per year, or 1,000 Ccf per day during off-peak periods, provided the Customer has and maintains adequate standby facilities and an alternate fuel supply in order that gas deliveries hereunder may be interrupted at any time. This Rate Schedule is available only to those Customers receiving service under Schedule 150 prior to the effective date of the Order in Docket 96-0437.

Deliveries to such customers shall be subject to curtailment at any time. Deliveries to such customers shall be subject to curtailment in whole or in part upon one-half (1/2) hour's notice.

Character of Service

Natural gas, with a heating value of approximately 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, supplied through a single delivery point and a single meter, at the delivery pressure of the distribution system in the area, or at such higher delivery pressure as agreed upon by Customer and Company.

The amount of gas available at any time for delivery under the schedule is that portion of Company's supply which exceeds the existing requirements of Company's firm gas customers at such time.

Facilities Charge

A monthly facilities charge of \$25.00 is payable regardless of the usage of gas.

Monthly Rate

All Consumption, per Ccf \$.0499

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is payable on the date of issue. A charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month may be added to the amount of any residential customer's bill remaining unpaid after 21 days following the date of mailing the bill, and 14 days after the date of mailing a bill for non-residential service. When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) business days after the due date printed on the bill, the Customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

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OPTIONAL GAS SERVICE (Continued)

Schedule 150: All Zones

Interruption and Curtailment

Gas deliveries to customers served on this schedule may be interrupted or curtailed at any time whenever, in Company's judgment, such interruption or curtailment is necessary in order for it to continue to supply the gas requirements of its firm customers at such time. The Company will endeavor to notify in advance customers served on this schedule whenever a curtailment or interruption is required, and each customer shall curtail his use of gas to the time and to the extent requested by Company. Interruptions and curtailments may vary from time to time among customers but shall be as equally apportioned as practicable over any period of 12 consecutive months.

Deliveries to customers on this schedule will not be interrupted or curtailed until gas deliveries have been totally interrupted to all customers served on any lower priority interruptible gas service schedule.

Overrun Penalty

Volumes of gas taken at any time in excess of the amount stipulated by the Company in the curtailment notice as being available to Customer shall constitute overrun gas. A penalty of \$2.50 per Ccf of such overrun volumes shall be paid by Customer in addition to all other charges payable hereunder provided; however, Company has the right to waive any portion of the overrun penalty on a non-discriminatory basis for good cause.

Contract

Customers shall contract for service hereunder for a term of not less than one (1) year. Upon the expiration of any contract term, the contract shall be automatically renewed for a period of one (1) year. At any time following the first contract year service may be terminated by either party following at least six (6) months written notice to the other party.

Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment

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Service Regulations

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TRANSPORTATION SERVICE

Schedule 160: All Zones

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A. Availability

This rate schedule provides for the transportation of gas received by the Company from the Connecting Pipeline Company for the Customer's account to that Customer's facilities. Service under this rate schedule is available to commercial and industrial customers.

Customers served under this rate schedule may elect a full firm or partial standby service. Customers not electing full firm standby service are subject to interruption to the extent their usage on a daily basis exceeds their elected firm Daily Contract Quantity.

B. Definitions

For purposes hereof:

- (i) "Connecting Pipeline Company" means a pipeline supplier to the Company whose facilities in the sole judgment of the Company can be utilized to transport gas to the Company for delivery by the Company to the Customer under this Rate Schedule.
- (ii) "Transportation Imbalance" occurs when more or less gas is received by the Company from the Connecting Pipeline Company for the customer's account, less the unaccounted for gas adjustment, than is delivered to that customer's facilities for the month.
- (iii) "PGA Provisions" means the Company's Purchased Gas Adjustment Rider, as amended and approved by the Commission from time to time.
- (iv) "Pipeline Balanced Customer" means the connecting pipeline company requires access to customer's daily usage and allocates it to customer's pipeline transportation agreement.

C. Terms and Provisions of Service Under This Rate Schedule

- (i) Unless otherwise agreed to by the Company, the minimum term of a contract to provide service to a customer under this Rate Schedule shall be one year.
- (ii) Except as expressly modified by the provisions of this rate schedule, all of the terms, provisions, and conditions of the rate schedule (as made effective by the Commission from time to time) applicable to Customer shall also apply to service by the Company to Customer under this rate schedule.

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C. Terms and Provisions of Service Under This Rate Schedule (Continued)

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- (iii) Customer must notify Company on Company's standard form of the volume of gas to be delivered into the Company's system for the account of the Customer during the billing month and the daily rate of delivery. This nomination must be received by the Company by the nomination deadline on the "Connecting Pipeline Company" for both first of the month nominations and mid-month changes. The quantity of gas delivered into the Company's facilities for the account of the Customer shall be based on the transportation nomination for that month. Adjustments will be made if the Connecting Pipeline Company's reported volumes vary from the nominated volume.
- (iv) The Customer is responsible for making all arrangements for transporting the gas from its source of supply to the Company's interconnection with the Connecting Pipeline Company unless other arrangements have been made between the Customer and the Company.
- (v) The Customer shall warrant that they have good and legal title to all gas which Customer causes to be delivered into the Company's facilities and Customer shall hold the Company harmless from any loss or claim in regard to the same.
- (vi) Customer shall have the obligation to balance, on a daily basis, receipts of transportation gas by the Company at the Company's applicable Receipt Point(s) with deliveries of such gas by the Company to the Customer's Point of Delivery plus retention amounts pursuant to item (vii) below. Fees for Positive and Negative imbalances will be levied as described in (a) and (b) below. (a) and (b) below will not apply to Pipeline-Balanced Customers; (a) below will not apply to those customers having elected full firm standby service.

(a) Daily Schedule Fee

The daily scheduling fee shall apply to all customers electing transportation service on both positive and negative daily imbalances to the extent that the daily imbalance exceeds the Daily Contract Quantity. The Company will assess daily schedule fees as follows:

<u>VARIANCE</u>		<u>CHARGE</u>
0% to	5%	No additional charges
5% to	10%	\$0.10/MMBtu
	>10%	\$0.20/MMBtu

Variance is defined as the difference between the confirmed nomination and actual usage, less any Daily Contract Quantity on a daily basis.

(b) Cashout of Monthly Imbalances

If total monthly nominations are greater than total monthly usage, the customer will receive credit for the positive imbalance according to the following schedule:

TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)

Schedule 160: All Zones

C. Terms and Provisions of Service Under This Rate Schedule (Continued)

<u>% of Imbalance</u>		<u>Cashout Price for Excess Quantities</u>	<u>for Deficient Quantities</u>
0%	up to 5%	100%	100%
5%	up to 10%	85%	115%
10%	up to 15%	70%	130%
15%	up to 20%	60%	140%
20%		50%	150%

The cashout price will be equal to the average weekly index price for the respective Connecting Pipeline Company for the appropriate month as published in Natural Gas Week plus applicable pipeline commodity and fuel charges.

- (vii) A percentage adjustment for unaccounted for gas shall be made to the volumes of gas delivered into the Company's facilities for the Customer's account, and the volumes of gas deliverable to the Customer under this rate schedule shall be reduced by such percentage. Such percentage shall be equal to the percent that unaccounted-for gas bore to total sendout as recorded by the Company during its most recent 12 months ending June.
- (viii) The Company reserves the right to refuse to accept gas for the account of the Customer into Company's facilities if the same would reduce the volumes of the gas otherwise available to Company from the Connecting Pipeline Company.
- (ix) Customers served under this Rate Schedule shall be required to pay for the cost and installation of measurement data collection and verification equipment. Customers shall also be required to pay the cost of installation, maintenance and any monthly usage charges associated with telephone, power or other utilities or energy sources required for the operation of the data collection and verification equipment. Customers shall also be required to provide adequate space in new or existing facilities for the installation of the data collection equipment.

This provision will not apply to Pipeline Balanced Customers or Customers electing full firm standby and using less than an average of 100 Mcf/day over the previous twelve (12) months prior to signing the contract.

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D. Rate

Facilities Charge

The customer shall be billed the monthly facilities charge applicable under the companion commercial/industrial rate schedule.

Ccf Rate

The Customer shall be billed at the companion commercial/industrial rate schedule, excluding the Gas Charge and Refund Adjustment, but including the TOP Adjustment of the Purchased Gas Adjustment.

Firm Standby and Partial Standby Charge

Customers having elected a firm standby or partial firm standby service shall be billed a Demand Gas Charge (DGC), as set forth in Section 23 of the Company's Service Regulations, multiplied by the Daily Contract Quantity set forth in the Customer's contract. Daily Contract Quantities for customers electing full firm standby will be determined by the Company. Daily Contract Quantities for customers electing partial firm standby service will be determined by the Customer.

Overrun Penalty

Volumes of gas taken at any time in excess of the amount stipulated by the Company in the curtailment notice as being available to Customer shall constitute overrun gas. A penalty of \$2.50 per Ccf of such overrun volumes shall be paid by Customer in addition to all other charges payable hereunder provided; however, Company has the right to waive any portion of the overrun penalty on a non-discriminatory basis for good cause.

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is payable on the date of issue. A charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month may be added to the amount of any bill remaining unpaid after 14 days following the date of mailing a bill. When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) full business days after the due date printed on the bill, the customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

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ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GAS SERVICE

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Availability

Service under this Schedule is available to customers engaged in the manufacturing process at discounted or incentive rates. To be eligible for service under this schedule certain conditions must be met by the customer. Existing customers served under another rate schedule to be eligible for service under this rate schedule must contract for sufficient natural gas demand to produce an increase in consumption of 135,000 Ccf annually. New customers served under this rate schedule to be eligible must contract for at least 270,000 Ccf annually.

This Schedule is intended to allow the Company to offer incentive or discount type rates designed to enhance the Company's system utilization while encouraging industrial development within the Company's service areas.

Special Terms and Conditions

A contract shall be executed by the customer for a minimum of 4 years. The contract shall specify the customer's natural gas requirements.

To receive service under this rate schedule, the customer's written application to the Company shall include sufficient information to permit the Company to determine the customer's eligibility.

Qualifying consumption shall result from an increase in business activity and not merely from the resumption of normal operations following a period of abnormal operating conditions. If in the Company's opinion an abnormal operating period has occurred as a result of strike, equipment failure, or any other abnormal condition during the twelve (12) month period prior to the date of the application by the customer for service under this rate schedule, the Company shall adjust the customer's consumption to eliminate any abnormal condition. The Company through use of historical data shall determine "Base Load" for existing customers. Volumes and their associated Billing Demand used in excess of "Base Load" shall be considered "Qualifying Consumption" and eligible under this Schedule. Loads which are or have been served by the Company during all or part of the twelve (12) month period prior to service under this rate schedule, and which are relocated to another metering point within the Company's service area, shall not qualify for this rate schedule.

The existing facilities of the Company must be adequate in the judgment of the Company to supply the new or expanded natural gas requirements. If construction of new or expanded local facilities by the Company is required, the customer may be required to make a Contribution in Aid of Construction for the installed cost of such facilities. The Company will evaluate the customer's request for service and determine the necessity of a contribution for construction of facilities based on the Extension of Service provisions of the General Terms and Conditions of the Company's filed tariff.

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The Company shall review the Customer's consumption each year to determine whether the Customer has fulfilled their projected usage requirement to remain eligible for service under this rate schedule.

Facilities Charge

A monthly customer charge of \$12.00 is payable regardless of the use of gas.

Monthly Rate

The following adjustment factors will be applied to the "Qualifying Consumption" and based on the rate schedule which would apply to the Customer absent this rate schedule.

<u>Billing Months In Contract Year</u>	<u>Adjustment Factor</u>
1st Through 12th	75.00%
13th Through 24th	75.00%
25th Through 36th	75.00%
37th Through 48th	75.00%
After 48 Months	100.00%

Minimum Bill

The minimum monthly bill shall be the Facilities Charge.

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is payable on the date of issue. A charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month may be added to the amount of any bill remaining unpaid after 14 days following the date of mailing a bill. When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) full business days after the due date printed on the bill, the customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

Purchased Gas Cost Adjustment

Bills for service are subject to adjustment for changes in the cost of purchased gas in accordance with Service Regulations filed with the Illinois Commerce Commission.

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CONTRACT SERVICE

Schedule 190: All Zones

Availability:

This service is available to any customer located within such distance of an interstate natural gas pipeline providing gas transportation service that bypass of the Company's gas distribution system is, in the judgment of the Company, economically feasible and practical.

The customer shall enter into a contract with the Company specifying the nature of the service to be supplied, the price to be paid, and such other terms and conditions as are mutually agreeable, provided, however, as a condition of service, the customer will provide to the company affidavits stating the customer's intent to by pass the Company's facilities absent service hereunder, and such other evidence required by the Company to verify the investment required on the part of the customer in order to take gas service directly from an interstate pipeline company.

Contracts:

Contracts entered into hereunder shall be submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission for informational purposes. Such contracts shall be treated on a proprietary basis.

The maximum term of contract under this rate shall be five (5) years.

Charges:

The charges hereunder shall be the charges contained in the contract between the customer and the Company.

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NEGOTIATED GAS SERVICE
Schedule 191: All Zones

Availability.

Gas service under this rate schedule is available at the Company's discretion to permit the Company to meet alternate fuel competition. Service under this rate schedule shall be fully optional.

The intent of this rate schedule is to provide the Company flexibility to sell gas at negotiated rates when the otherwise applicable tariff rates are non-competitive. The Company may offer to any customer who qualifies for this Rider an alternative price for natural gas to be delivered during a specified billing period which:

- a) does not exceed the price specified in the Company's filed rates, plus PGA charges that would otherwise be applicable to the customer's natural gas service during the specified billing period, and
- b) is not less than the weighted average commodity price per therm, adjusted to reflect system losses, of the Company's gas supply purchased from pipelines and other suppliers during the specified billing period, plus one cent per Ccf.

Facilities Charge

A monthly charge of \$25.00 for each customer.

Monthly Rate

The rates charged under this rate schedule shall be negotiated monthly on a per customer basis. The Company may require supporting documents from the end-user certifying that the cost of available alternate supply is less than the otherwise applicable tariff rate. The ceiling rate shall be the otherwise applicable tariff rate. Any negotiation downward will be solely at the Company's discretion.

Payment

Payment for service hereunder shall be in accordance with the provisions of the service agreement between the Company and end-user. All applicable taxes shall be levied against sales under this rate schedule.

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COGENERATION, COMPRESSED NATURAL GAS, PRIME MOVERS, FUEL
CELL SERVICE

Schedule 192: All Zones

Purpose

The purpose of providing service under this schedule is to increase utilization of system supplies and system capacity.

Applicability

This schedule is available to the extent gas supply and delivery capacity is available to commercial and industrial customers, existing or new, for use as a single prime fuel source to generate electrical and thermal energy in order to optimize efficiency. This schedule is also available for compressed natural gas for automobile and truck fleets and fuel cell service.

Eligibility

Eligible customers shall include those who are currently connected to the Company's gas main or who will become newly connected. In either case, service will be provided, at the Company's option, through a separate meter.

Character of Service

Natural gas with a heating value of approximately 100,000 Btu per hundred cubic feet, supplied through a single delivery point meter, at the standard equipment utilization pressure, or at such higher delivery pressure as approved by Company.

Facilities Charge

A monthly charge of \$25.00 for each customer.

Customer charge for adjacent connected load will not be duplicated, otherwise the facilities charge will be at the customer's regular schedule charge.

Monthly Rate

All Consumption, per Ccf \$.0726

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CELL SERVICE (Continued)

Schedule 192: All Zones

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is payable on the date of issue. A charge of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month may be added to the amount of any residential customer's bill remaining unpaid after 21 days following the date of mailing the bill, and 14 days after the date of mailing a bill for non-residential service. When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) full business days after the due date printed on the bill, the customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

Contract

Customers shall contract for service hereunder for a term or not less than one (1) year. Upon the expiration of any contract term, the contract shall be automatically renewed for a period of one (1) year. At any time following the first contract year, service may be terminated by either part following at least six (6) months written notice to the other party.

Purchased Gas Adjustment

Bills for service are subject to the cost of purchased gas in accordance with the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Provisions approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Service Regulations

Gas service at these schedules will be furnished in accordance with the Company's General Rules and Regulations, approved by the Commission, copies which are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company's offices.

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LARGE TONNAGE AIR CONDITIONING GAS SERVICE

Schedule 193: All Zones

Purpose

The purpose of providing service under this schedule is to increase utilization of system supplies and system capacity.

Applicability

This schedule is available to the extent gas supply and delivery capacity is available to commercial and industrial customers whose requirements may include high load factor systems that provide chilled water, space conditioning, processing, and/or humidity control. These conditions may be accomplished by the utilization of absorption, gas engine drive or desiccant systems.

Eligibility

Eligible customers shall include those who are currently connected to the Company's gas main or who will become newly connected. In either case, service will be provided, at the Company's option, through a separate meter.

Character of Service

Natural gas with a heating value of approximately 100,000 Btu per hundred cubic feet, supplied through a single delivery point and a single meter, at the standard equipment utilization pressure or at such high delivery pressure as approved by Company.

Service Period

Service provided under this schedule will be for the cooling season, the four consecutive billing months beginning with the first regular meter reading taken on or after July 1 of each year.

Facilities Charge

A monthly charge of \$25.00 for each customer.

Customer charge for adjacent connected load will not be duplicated, otherwise the facilities charge will be at the customers regular schedule charge.

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LARGE TONNAGE AIR CONDITIONING GAS SERVICE (Continued)

Schedule 193: All Zones

Monthly Rate

All Consumption, per Ccf \$.0499

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is payable on the date of issue. A charge of one and one-half (1-1/2%) per month may be added to the amount of any residential customer's bill remaining unpaid after 21 days following the date of mailing the bill, and 14 days after the date of mailing a bill for non-residential service. When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) full business days after the due date printed on the bill, the customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

Contract

Customers shall contract for service hereunder for a term of not less than one (1) year. Upon the expiration of any contract term, the contract shall be automatically renewed for a period of one (1) year. At any time following the first contract year service may be terminated by either party following at least six (6) months written notice to the other party.

Purchased Gas Adjustment

Bills for service are subject to the cost of purchased gas in accordance with the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Provisions approved by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Service Regulations

Gas service at these schedules will be furnished in accordance with the Company's General Rules and Regulations, approved by the Commission, copies of which are available for public inspection during regular business hours at each of the Company's offices.

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SERVICE REGULATIONS

I. Definitions

Except where the context indicates a different meaning or intent, the following terms, when used herein or in the Company's rate schedules incorporation these Service Regulations, shall have the meanings defined below:

- 1.1 "Company" or "Utility"
United Cities Gas Company, a Division of Atmos Energy Corporation.
- 1.2 "Customer"
Any individual, partnership, association, firm, public or private corporation or government agency or institution who has agreed with the Company to pay for gas utility service.
- 1.3 "User"
A person who receives gas utility service.
- 1.4 "Applicant"
Any individual, partnership, association, firm, public or private corporation or government agency or institution applying for Company's service at any specific location.
- 1.5 "Gas Service"
The availability of natural gas at the Company's point of delivery to customer irrespective of whether any such gas is actually used.
- (a) Residential Service - Gas utility service for household purposes furnished to a dwelling of two units or less, or a federal housing project customer which is billed under a residential rate or gas utility service for household purposes furnished to a dwelling unit or units which is billed under a residential rate and which is registered by a separate meter for each dwelling unit.
- (b) Small Business Service - Any Illinois based business which had (50) fifty or less full-time employees in the state.
- (c) Non-Residential Service - Gas utility service which is not residential service.
- (d) Master Metered Apartment Building - A building of three or more rental dwelling units where any utility service is registered by a single meter for all units.

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- 1.6 "Point of Delivery"
The point of connection between Company and customer at which the gas supplied leaves the outlet side of Company's meter and enters customer's facilities.
- 1.7 "Cubic Foot of Gas"
The gas necessary to fill one cubic foot of space at a temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit and an absolute pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch.
- 1.8 "Mcf", "Ccf", and "Therm"
"Mcf" is 1,000 cubic feet of gas; "Ccf" is 100 cubic feet of gas; as used herein "Therm" means a volume of gas containing a quantity of heat equal to 100,000 Btu.
- 1.9 "Due Date"
The date printed on the gas utility bill as the last date allowed for payment of a bill prior to the date such bill becomes past due or delinquent, determined as follows by class of service:
- (a) Residential Service - The due date printed on the bill will not be less than twenty-one (21) days after the date of mailing the bill.
 - (b) Non-Residential Service - The due date printed on the bill will not be less than fourteen (14) days after the date of mailing the bill.

When a customer mails any payment for gas service and such payment is received at the Company's office not more than two (2) full business days after the due date printed on the bill, the customer shall be deemed to have made timely payment.

2. Customer Facilities and Responsibility

- 2.1 The customer shall install and maintain his piping and appliances in the condition required by the insurance and governmental authorities having jurisdiction and in a manner approved by the Company. The customer shall so use his equipment as not to disturb the Company's service to other customers.

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SERVICE REGULATIONS (Continued)

- 2.2 The Company will supply the customer with gas through meters owned by the Company. The Customer shall provide a suitable place for the meter satisfactory to the Company. Meters shall be located as close to the service entrance as practical and shall be located in compliance with Illinois Commerce Commission General Order No. 159, Rule 7 (a). The customer shall see that said meters are protected from damage or accident and will not permit any person other than the agent of the Company, or a person lawfully authorized to do so, to remove, inspect, or tamper with same.
- 2.3 The meter, meter connections, and the service piping from the main to the meter, and any extension thereof, shall belong to the Company and be subject to removal only by the Company regardless of whether any charges for service piping were made to the customer.
- 2.4 The Company's authorized agent shall have access to the customer's premises at all reasonable hours to inspect, read, repair, or remove its meters and other property and to inspect the appliances installed on customer's premises.
- 2.5 In the event of the escape of gas, customer should shut off all gas at the meter, take reasonable precaution to prevent ignition of escaping gas, and shall immediately notify the Company.

3. Applicants for Service

If after a review of its own past service records, the Company finds that an applicant for service has failed to pay for past due utility service for the same class of service furnished to him/her at the same or at another address, the Company may refuse to provide service unless the applicant, at the option of the Company, pays any past due bill and/or provides a deposit pursuant to Rule 5 herein and/or enters into a deferred payment agreement pursuant to Rule 9 herein.

A bill for non-residential service shall not be transferred to a bill for residential service, and vice versa. Service shall not be denied for nonpayment of bills for merchandise or non-utility services.

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The Company's procedure for taking applications for service shall be as defined in Illinois Commerce Commission General Order No. 172, Second Revised, Rule 5.

4. Present Customers

The Company may request a deposit pursuant to Rule 5 herein from a present customer during the first twenty-four months that the customer receives utility service from the Company if the customer, during any twelve month period, pays late four times.

A deposit may be requested from a present non-residential customer after the first twenty-four months that the customer has received utility service if the customer, during any twelve month period ending after the first twenty-four months of service, pays late six times.

The Company may request a deposit from a present customer whose pipes, meters or other service equipment have been tampered with and the customer enjoyed the benefit of the tampering.

If the Company requests a deposit for any of the reasons stated in this rules, such request shall be made within forty-five days after the event giving rise to the request takes place.

Present customers who are indebted to the Company for past due utility service shall have the opportunity to negotiate a deferred payment agreement pursuant to Rule 9 herein to retire the debt.

The Company's procedure for requesting a deposit from a present customer shall be as defined in Illinois Commerce Commission General Order No. 172, Second Revised, Rule 6.

5. Deposits

5.1 Applicants for Service - Conditions under which the Company may request a deposit from applicants for service are set out in Rules 3 herein.

5.2 Present customers - Conditions under which the Company may request a deposit from present customers are set out in Rule 4 herein.

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- 5.3 Amount - The Company will not request a deposit from an applicant for residential service or from a residential customer or an applicant for a small business service or a small business customer in excess of 1/6 of the estimated annual charges for service for the applicant or customer. The Company will not request a deposit from an applicant for non-residential service or from a non-residential customer (except an applicant for small business service or a small business customer) in excess of 1/3 of the amount of the estimated annual charges for service for the applicant or customer.

The Company may request a minimum of 1/3 of the amount of a requested deposit be paid within twelve days after the issue date of the request for deposit. At least two billing periods will be allowed by the Company in which to pay the balance of the deposit. The date by which the entire deposit must be paid must be plainly indicated on the deposit request. The amount of the deposit may be adjusted at the request of the customer, applicant or Company at any time when the character or degree of use of the service materially changes or when it is clearly established that the character or degree of use of the service will materially change in the immediate future.

- 5.4 Refund of Deposits - Deposits plus interest shall be automatically refunded after being held for twelve months as follows:
- (a) if the twelve months during which the deposit was held are within the first twenty-four months that a customer had received utility service, the deposit plus interest shall be refunded only so long as the service has not been interrupted for nonpayment or so long as the customer has not paid late four times, or so long as the customer's pipes, meters or other service equipment have not been tampered with during the time the deposit was held which resulted in the customer enjoying the benefit of the tampering;
 - (b) if the twelve months which the deposit was held were subsequent to the first twenty-four months that a customer had received utility service, the deposit plus interest shall be refunded only so long as the service has not been interrupted for nonpayment or so long as the customer has not paid late six times during the past twelve months or so long as the customer's pipes, meters, or other service equipment have not been tampered with during the time the deposit was held which resulted in the customer enjoying the benefit of the tampering;

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