

## SECTION VI - BILLING AND PAYMENT

### 1. Billing Periods - Time and Place for Payment of Bills.

Bills ordinarily are rendered regularly at monthly intervals, but may be rendered more or less frequently at Company's option. Bills may be rendered by hand delivery, mail, electronically, or by any other reasonable means. If bills are rendered electronically then a charge not to exceed \$0.25 per usage may be assessed. Non-receipt of bills by customer does not release or diminish the obligation of Customer with respect to payment thereof.

The word "month" as it pertains to the supply of service shall mean the period of approximately thirty days between meter readings as fixed and made by Company. Meters are ordinarily read at monthly intervals but may be read more or less frequently at Company's option but no less than quarterly. Company shall have the right to establish billing districts for the purpose of reading meters and rendering bills to customers at various dates. A change or revision of any Rate Schedule shall be applicable to all bills on which the initial monthly meter reading was taken on or after the effective date of such change or revision, except as otherwise ordered by the Kentucky Public Service Commission.

Bills are due on the date indicated thereon as being the last date for payment of the net amount, and bills are payable only at the Company's offices or authorized agencies for collection. If a partial payment is made, the amount will be applied to items of indebtedness in the same order as they have accrued, except that any payment received shall first be applied to the bill for service rendered.

The Company may issue interim bills based on average normal usage instead of determining actual usage by reading the meter. Interim bills may also be used when access to Company's meter cannot be obtained or emergency conditions exist.

### 2. Information on Customer Bills.

Every bill rendered by the Company for metered service will clearly state:

- (a) The beginning and ending meter readings for the billing period and the dates thereof.
- (b) The amount of energy usage.
- (c) The amount due for the energy used, any adjustments, including assessed late payment charges, and the gross amount of the bill.
- (d) The rate code under which the customer is billed.
- (e) The date of the last day payment can be made without a late payment charge being assessed.
- (f) Any previous balance.
- (g) The address, phone number, and business hours of the Company.
- (h) The date of the next scheduled meter reading.
- (i) The date after which received payments are not reflected in the bill.
- (j) The type of service rendered (gas or electric).
- (k) The amount, and identification, of any tax or fee the Company is authorized either by state law or order of the Commission to collect.

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### **3. Charge for Restoring Service for Non-Payment of Bill and Unlawful Use of Service.**

Company may charge and collect in advance the sum as specified on Tariff Sheet "Charge for Reconnection of Service" for reconnecting a customer's service after service is disconnected because of non-payment of bill when due or when service is discontinued because of fraudulent use, except as may be provided by 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15, Winter Hardship Reconnection.

### **4. Temporary Discontinuance of Service.**

If any customer on a residential rate, because of absence or otherwise, shall notify Company in writing or by telephone to discontinue service, Company will make no minimum charge for any full meter reading period during the period of discontinuance; provided, however, that Company may charge and collect the sum as specified on Tariff Sheet "Charge for Reconnection of Service" prior to reconnecting a service which was discontinued at customer's request within the preceding twelve months.

### **5. Selection of Rate Schedule.**

When a prospective customer makes application for service, Company will, upon request, assist in the selection of the Rate Schedule most favorable to customer or the service requested. The selection will be based on the prospective customer's statement as to the class of service desired, the amount and manner of use, and any other pertinent information.

### **6. Change to Optional Rate Schedule.**

A customer being billed under one of two or more optional Rate Schedules applicable to his class of service may elect to be billed on any other applicable Rate Schedule by notifying Company in writing, and Company will bill customer under such elected Schedule from and after the date of the next meter reading. However, a customer having made such a change of Rate Schedule may not make another such change within the next twelve months.

### **7. Availability of Budget Billing.**

Company has available to its customers a "Budget Billing Plan" which minimizes billing amount fluctuations over a twelve month period. The Company may exercise discretion as to the availability of such a plan to a customer based on reasonable criteria, including but not limited to:

- (a) Customer's recent payment history.
- (b) The amount of the delinquent account.
- (c) Customer's payment performance in respect to any prior arrangements or plans.
- (d) Any other relevant factors concerning the circumstances of the customer including health and age.

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If the customer fails to pay bills as rendered under the Budget Payment Plan, the Company reserves the right to revoke the plan, restore the customer to regular billing and require immediate payment of any deficiency.

Failure to receive a bill in no way exempts customer from the provisions of these terms and conditions.

### **8. Partial payment Plans.**

The Company shall negotiate and accept reasonable partial payment plans at the request of residential customers who have received a termination notice according to the regulations governing failure to pay, except the Company shall not be required to negotiate a partial payment plan with a customer who is delinquent under a previous payment plan.

### **9. Bill Format**

The Company has included as Appendix A to these Service Regulations an example of the Company's customer bill format.