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June 27, 2014

--Via Electronic Filing--

Burl W. Haar
Executive Secretary
Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
121 7th Place East, Suite 350
St. Paul, MN 55101

RE: PETITION
INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE TARIFF MODIFICATIONS
DOCKET NO. G002/M-14-_____

Dear Dr. Haar:

Enclosed for filing is the Petition of Northern States Power Company requesting approval of modifications to the Interruptible Service tariff.

We have electronically filed this document with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission, and copies of the Summary of Filing have been served on the parties on the attached service list.

Please contact me at paul.lehman@xcelenergy.com or 612-330-7529 if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Sincerely,

/s/

PAUL J LEHMAN
MANAGER, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND FILINGS

Enclosures

c: Service List (Summary)

STATE OF MINNESOTA
BEFORE THE
MINNESOTA PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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Nancy Lange	Commissioner
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IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF
NORTHERN STATES POWER COMPANY
FOR MODIFICATIONS TO THE
INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE TARIFFS

DOCKET NO. G002/M-14-_____

PETITION

INTRODUCTION

Pursuant to Minn. Statute § 216B.16 and related Minnesota Rules, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy submits this Petition for approval by the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission of modifications to the natural gas interruptible service tariffs and other tariffs that reference penalties for taking unauthorized gas during a curtailment.

Specifically, we request approval of the following changes in the Additional Charge for Unauthorized Use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption, of Restriction sections of our tariffs:

- Increase penalty charge for use of unauthorized gas from \$1.00 per therm to \$5.00 per therm;
- Add stronger language that paying a penalty does not give customers the right to continue to take unauthorized gas;
- Remove the indent from the paragraphs addressing Northern Natural Gas Company & Viking Gas Transmission Company daily delivery variance charge and critical day charges to increase clarity; and
- Correct typo.

I. Summary of Filing

A one-paragraph summary of this filing accompanies this Petition pursuant to Minn. Rule 7829.1300, subp. 1.

II. Service on Other Parties

Pursuant to Minn. Rule 7829.1300, subp. 2, Xcel Energy has electronically filed this Petition, and served a copy of this Petition on the Department, and on the Residential Utilities Division of the Office of Attorney General. A summary of the filing was served on all parties on the Company's miscellaneous gas service list. A certificate of service and the service list is attached.

III. General Filing Information

Pursuant to Minnesota Rule 7829.1300, subp. 4, Xcel Energy provides the following required information.

A. Name, Address, and Telephone Number of the Utility

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C. Date of Filing and Date Modified Rates Take Effect

The date of the filing is June 27, 2014. The Company proposes that this miscellaneous tariff change become effective on October 1, 2014.

D. Statute Controlling Schedule for Processing the Filing

Minn. Stat. Section 216B.16, subd. 1 prescribes general time lines for rate and tariff changes, including, but not limited to, a requirement of 60 days notice to the Commission of a proposed tariff change, after which time the proposed tariff change takes effect unless suspended. Under the Commission's rules, the proposed tariff change discussed in this Petition falls within the definition of a

“Miscellaneous Tariff Filing” under Minn. Rule 7829.0100, subp. 11, since no determination of Xcel Energy’s general revenue requirement is necessary. Comments on a miscellaneous filing are due within 30 days of its filing, with reply comments due 10 days from the expiration of the original comment period. Minn. Rule 7829.1400, subp. 1 and 4. Minn. Stat. § 216B.16 permits the Commission to act within the 60-day notice period and the Company’s requested implementation date of October 1, 2014 would allow the Commission sufficient time to review the filing without suspending the proposed tariff change.

E. Utility Employee Responsible for Filing

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IV. Description and Purpose of the Change in Tariff Requested

A. Background

During the last heating season, the Company had an unprecedented number of interruptible service customers not curtailing their usage when curtailments had been called, thereby not producing the expected load relief, and leading to concerns about maintaining system operations for firm customers. In January through March 2014, the Company experienced about forty percent of Minnesota interruptible service customers using unauthorized gas at least once during called curtailments. Some customers used unauthorized gas during every curtailment called for their priority. Additionally, customers have coined the term the “penalty gas option” to refer to such usage. In other words, these customers are under the mistaken belief that they have the option to take unauthorized gas by paying the penalty rate if they prefer not to curtail. This assumption ignores the potential harm to all customers if an interruptible customer does not curtail when requested.

Our tariff requires interruptible customers to curtail their use of gas when a curtailment is called regardless of the economics of switching to alternate fuels or shutting down operations. The penalties for using unauthorized gas were intended to encourage interruptible customers to curtail usage when requested. The penalties were not meant to provide interruptible customers a pricing

option during curtailment.

The failure to curtail by interruptible customers may harm system operations to the detriment of all customers. Consistent with Commission practice, we design our services to meet the peak day demands of our firm shippers. For example, we do not acquire firm interstate transportation capacity to serve our interruptible customers. On non-peak days, some interstate capacity is often available for the use of interruptible customers. However, on peak days, all of this capacity is needed by, and reserved for, our firm customers. Consequently, if interruptible customers do not curtail when requested, there may not be enough interstate capacity available to serve all customers.

Lastly, it should not be forgotten that interruptible customers enjoy lower costs in return for their agreement to curtail their usage when requested.

1. *Specific experience in the 2013-2014 heating season*

During the 2013-2014 heating season, in Minnesota we had curtailments called in January, February, and March 2014.

Table 1: Number of Days with Curtailments by Priority

<u>Priority</u>	<u>January</u>	<u>February</u>	<u>March</u>	<u>Total</u>
1A	6.5	2.0	3.0	11.5
1B	6.5	2.0	3.0	11.5
1E	7.5	2.0	3.0	12.5
2	7.5	2.0	3.0	12.5
3	8.5	4.0	3.0	15.5
4	9.5	6.0	3.0	18.5
5	10.5	6.0	3.0	19.5
6	10.5	6.0	3.0	19.5
7	10.5	6.0	3.0	19.5
8	10.5	6.0	3.0	19.5
9	10.5	6.0	3.0	19.5

During the 2013-2014 heating season, we had 444 interruptible customers in Minnesota. Of these, 197, or 44 percent, took unauthorized natural gas at least once during a called curtailment. These customers used about 1,300,000 therms of unauthorized natural gas. In January through March 2014, interruptible customers used about 42,000,000 therms of natural gas. Thus, the unauthorized usage was about three percent of total interruptible class usage.

B. Requested Changes to Tariff

1. Penalty Increase from \$1.00 to \$5.00 per Therm

The Company understands the economics behind the decision interruptible customers are making when they choose to take unauthorized gas. We believe that we must change the penalty structure to minimize the economic benefit of taking unauthorized gas. A higher penalty will encourage customers to comply with the curtailment request. To do this, we propose changing the \$1.00 per therm rate in the Additional Charge for Unauthorized Use of Gas During Service Curtailment, Interruption, or Restriction sections of our tariffs to \$5.00 per therm. We think that this rate is reasonable, because it is slightly higher than the peak propane rates and natural gas spot prices experienced last winter.¹ Furthermore, the proposed penalty rate is within the range of penalty rates found in the Midwest.

Also noteworthy, propane, the alternate fuel for many of our interruptible customers, may be more expensive and harder to obtain for the next several years. As of April 2014, the Cochin Pipeline, which historically transported 38 percent of the Minnesota's propane gas supply from Canada into the state, no longer supplies propane to Minnesota.² Replacement supplies, such as railroad and new rail terminals/storage facilities, are ramping up, but it will take time to fully replace the volume that has been lost.

In other Midwestern states, Montana Dakota Utility, a competitor in our North Dakota jurisdiction, has a \$5.00 per therm penalty in their jurisdictions. Wisconsin natural gas utilities, including Northern States Power–Wisconsin, have a \$2.00 per therm penalty for curtailments when interstate pipeline capacity is not limited and a \$10.00 per therm penalty for curtailments due to capacity limitations on interstate pipelines. MidAmerican has penalty rates of \$6.00 per therm in Illinois. Citizens Gas in Indiana also has a \$6.00 per therm penalty rate.

2. Stronger Language

Currently our tariff states:

¹ On January 31, 2014, propane prices peaked in Minnesota at the natural gas equivalent of \$3.87 per therm. On March 1, 2014, natural gas spot prices peaked at \$4.60 per therm.

² In July 2014, the pipeline will be reversed to carry light petroleum condensate (also known as diluent) to Canada.

Such payments, however, shall not preclude the Company from shutting off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict the use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

The Company proposes to include stronger language in our tariffs so that it is unambiguous that taking unauthorized gas is in violation of our tariffs. The proposed language is as follows:

The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to continue to take unauthorized gas. Nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, shutting off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict the use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

While both versions of this paragraph give us the right to take necessary actions in the event a customer fails to interrupt when instructed to, the stronger language will clarify that interruptible customers do not have a "gas penalty option" when faced with a curtailment request. The provision is similar to language found in interruptible service tariffs of other gas utilities across the country.³

3. NNG and VGT Penalty Formatting

We propose to remove the indents from the paragraphs labeled

- "For customers taking service on Company gas distribution systems connected to Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG)" and
- "For customers taking service on Company gas distribution systems connected to Viking Gas Transmission Company (VGT)."

There have been questions as to whether these two paragraphs are linked directly to "(ii) an amount equal to any incremental cost incurred by the Company that results from a failure to curtail or interrupt" in the prior paragraph. They are not related. We believe that this format change will increase the clarity of this tariff.

³ The new language was taken from MidAmerican's Iowa interruptible service tariffs.

4. *Typo*

On Sheet No. 5-12 of the Minnesota Gas Rate Book – MPUC No. 2, there is one instance where Viking Gas Transmission Company was abbreviated VTG instead of VGT. We propose to correct that typo.

5. *Tariffs*

Below is a list of the tariffs we are proposing to change.

Minnesota Gas Rate Book – MPUC No. 2:

Sheet No. 5-4.1, revision 4	Sheet No. 5-26, revision 6
Sheet No. 5-8, revision 5	Sheet No. 5-27, revision 1
Sheet No. 5-12, revision 5	Sheet No. 5-33, revision 1
Sheet No. 5-19, revision 6	Sheet No. 5-54, revision 6

Redlined and clean versions of the proposed tariff sheets have been provided as Attachment A.

C. Timing of Request

We request that the proposed changes are effective October 1, 2014. This would give us time to update the billing system and communicate the changes to our customers before the heating system, when curtailments normally occur.

V. Effect of Change upon Xcel Energy Revenues

This change will not affect the Company’s revenue. Penalties collected for unauthorized gas usage are passed back to firm retail natural gas customers through the annual cost of gas true-up.

VI. Miscellaneous Information

Pursuant to Minn. Rule 7829.0700, the Company requests that the following persons be placed on the Commission’s official service list for this matter:

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CONCLUSION

The Company believes the proposed tariff updates are in the public interest because they will help maintain system integrity and provide motivation to interruptible customers to comply with our tariffs. For the reasons stated herein, Xcel Energy respectfully requests that the Commission approve changes to these tariffs, with an effective date of October 1, 2014.

Dated: June 27, 2014

Northern States Power Company

Respectfully submitted by:

/s/

PAUL J LEHMAN
MANAGER, REGULATORY COMPLIANCE AND FILINGS

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SUMMARY OF FILING

Please take notice that on June 27, 2014, Northern States Power Company, doing business as Xcel Energy, filed with the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission its Petition for approval of modifications to the natural gas interruptible service tariffs and other tariffs that reference penalties for taking unauthorized gas during a curtailment

Specifically the Company requested approval of the following changes:

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- Remove the indent from the paragraphs addressing Northern Natural Gas Company & Viking Gas Transmission Company daily delivery variance charge and critical day charges.

The Company requests that the modifications to the tariff become effective on October 1, 2014.

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MINNESOTA GAS RATE BOOK - MPUC NO. 2

COMMERCIAL DEMAND BILLED SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODES: SMALL 119, LARGE 103

Section No. 5
~~3rd~~^{4th} Revised Sheet No. 4.1

DEMAND CHARGE ADJUSTMENT FOR CURTAILMENT

During any billing period, if gas is not available to the customer due to curtailment of gas supply by Company, the monthly demand charge shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of curtailment during such billing period.

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

If customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict (partially or totally) use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate above rates, the higher of (i) ~~\$1.00~~^{\$5.00} per Therm, or (ii) an amount equal to any incremental cost incurred by the Company that results from a failure to curtail or interrupt.

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For customers taking service on Company gas distribution systems connected to Northern Natural Gas Company (NNG). If NNG calls an operational flow order, system operation limitation (SOL) or critical day, the additional charge for unauthorized use will be equal to the Northern daily delivery variance charge or critical day charge in effect, as defined in NNG's tariff on Sheet No. 53, for such day multiplied by customer's unauthorized use volume.

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For customers taking service on Company gas distribution systems connected to Viking Gas Transmission Company (VGT). If VGT calls an operational flow order, the additional charge for unauthorized use will be equal to the unauthorized overrun charge in VGT's Rate Schedule LMS in effect, as defined in VGT's tariff on Sheet No. 5C, for such day multiplied by customer's unauthorized use volume.

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The payment of a penalty shall not, under any circumstances, be considered as giving the customer the right to take unauthorized gas. Nor shall such payment be considered to exclude or limit any other remedies available to the Company, including, but not limited to, Such payments, however, shall not preclude Company from shutting off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail, interrupt, or restrict the use thereof when requested by Company to do so.

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TERM OF AGREEMENT

Unless otherwise agreed, Commercial Demand Billed service shall be for a period of 12 months once billing demand is established, with a 12-month notice of termination.

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MINNESOTA GAS RATE BOOK - MPUC NO. 2

LARGE FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODE 104

Section No. 5
~~4th~~^{5th} Revised Sheet No. 8

MONTHLY UNDERTAKE / OVERTAKE CHARGE (Continued)

All conditions of the monthly cashout mechanism apply unless customer and Company agree otherwise. However, Company will treat similarly situated customers on a non-discriminatory basis.

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ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

If customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict (partially or totally) use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company due to interruption of customer's gas supply upstream from Company's distribution system, customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate above rates, the higher of (i) ~~\$1.00~~^{\$5.00} per Therm, or (ii) an amount equal to any incremental cost incurred by the Company that results from a failure to curtail or interrupt.

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MINNESOTA GAS RATE BOOK - MPUC NO. 2

INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODES: SMALL 105 & 111, MEDIUM 106, LARGE 120

Section No. 5
~~4th~~^{5th} Revised Sheet No. 12

The following are additional terms and conditions for service under this tariff.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided for in the General Rules and Regulations in Section 6.

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INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)

Section No. 5

RATE CODES: SMALL 123, MEDIUM 107, LARGE 124

~~5th~~^{6th} Revised Sheet No. 19

ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT, INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION

If customer fails to curtail, interrupt, or otherwise restrict (partially or totally) use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by Company, due to interruption of customer's gas supply upstream from Company's distribution system, customer shall pay, in addition to the appropriate above rates, the higher of (i) ~~\$1.00~~^{\$5.00} per Therm, or (ii) an amount equal to any incremental cost incurred by the Company that results from a failure to curtail or interrupt.

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CURTAILMENT CONDITIONS

On days when customer has gas available for delivery at the town border station, curtailment may result from capacity limitations on the Company's distribution system or other operational considerations.

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NEGOTIATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODE 114

Section No. 5
~~5th~~6th Revised Sheet No. 26

MONTHLY UNDERTAKE / OVERTAKE CHARGE

Customer using less gas than the volume customer nominated and delivered to the Company system on the customer's behalf agrees to sell the undertake gas to Company at the applicable undertake rate. Customer using more gas than the volume customer nominated and delivered to the Company system on the customer's behalf agrees to purchase the overtake at the applicable overtake rate. The Monthly Index Price (MIP) shall equal the arithmetic average of all "Weekly Weighted Average Price" values published by the Gas Daily during the month for gas delivered to NNG's Ventura point. The Interruptible Transportation Commodity (ITC) and Firm Transportation Commodity (FTC) shall equal the applicable pipeline Interruptible and Firm Transportation Commodity rates, respectively, and all applicable pipeline charges including, but not limited to: fuel rates and surcharges.

Imbalance Level	Overtake Charge	Undertake Charge
0% - 3%	MIP * 1.00 + ITC	MIP * 1.00 + FTC
>3% - 5%	MIP * 1.02 + ITC	MIP * 1.02 + FTC
>5% - 10%	MIP * 1.10 + ITC	MIP * 1.10 + FTC
>10% - 15%	MIP * 1.20 + ITC	MIP * 1.20 + FTC
>15% - 20%	MIP * 1.30 + ITC	MIP * 1.30 + FTC
>20%	MIP * 1.40 + ITC	MIP * 1.40 + FTC

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MINNESOTA GAS RATE BOOK - MPUC NO. 2

NEGOTIATED TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODE 114

Section No. 5
~~Original-1st Revised~~ Sheet No. 27
~~(Renumbered from 5-26a)~~

**ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT,
INTERRUPTION, OR RESTRICTION (Continued)**

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COMPANY OBLIGATION TO SERVE

Upon termination of this service Company's obligation to provide service under any other rate schedule shall be consistent with the obligation to serve other new customers. Rules and regulation defining Company obligation are set out in Section 6 of this rate book.

RECEIPT GAS QUALITY

The gas to be delivered to Company by customer shall be of merchantable quality and shall meet the minimum quality standards established by the interstate pipeline company serving the community in which customer is located. Company may refuse to accept delivery of gas which does not meet this quality standard.

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MINNESOTA GAS RATE BOOK - MPUC NO. 2

**SMALL VOLUME FLEX INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION
OF CUSTOMER OWNED GAS (CLOSED) (Continued)
RATE CODE 157**

Section No. 5
~~Original~~1st Revised Sheet No. 33

**ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT,
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LIMITED FIRM SERVICE (Continued)

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DISTRIBUTION CHARGE

All usage shall be assessed the distribution charge per Therm from Customer's applicable interruptible rate.

Availability Charge. As specified in the Limited Firm Service Agreement between customer and Company.

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COMMERCIAL DEMAND BILLED SERVICE (Continued)
RATE CODES: SMALL 119, LARGE 103

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DEMAND CHARGE ADJUSTMENT FOR CURTAILMENT

During any billing period, if gas is not available to the customer due to curtailment of gas supply by Company, the monthly demand charge shall be reduced in proportion to the amount of curtailment during such billing period.

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TERM OF AGREEMENT

Unless otherwise agreed, Commercial Demand Billed service shall be for a period of 12 months once billing demand is established, with a 12-month notice of termination.

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LARGE FIRM TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
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MONTHLY UNDERTAKE / OVERTAKE CHARGE (Continued)

All conditions of the monthly cashout mechanism apply unless customer and Company agree otherwise. However, Company will treat similarly situated customers on a non-discriminatory basis.

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INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE (Continued)
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The following are additional terms and conditions for service under this tariff.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE

Any unpaid balance over \$10.00 is subject to a 1.5% late payment charge or \$1.00, whichever is greater, after the date due. The charge may be assessed as provided for in the General Rules and Regulations in Section 6.

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INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION SERVICE (Continued)
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**ADDITIONAL CHARGE FOR UNAUTHORIZED USE OF GAS DURING SERVICE CURTAILMENT,
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CURTAILMENT CONDITIONS

On days when customer has gas available for delivery at the town border station, curtailment may result from capacity limitations on the Company's distribution system or other operational considerations.

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MONTHLY UNDERTAKE / OVERTAKE CHARGE

Customer using less gas than the volume customer nominated and delivered to the Company system on the customer's behalf agrees to sell the undertake gas to Company at the applicable undertake rate. Customer using more gas than the volume customer nominated and delivered to the Company system on the customer's behalf agrees to purchase the overtake at the applicable overtake rate. The Monthly Index Price (MIP) shall equal the arithmetic average of all "Weekly Weighted Average Price" values published by the Gas Daily during the month for gas delivered to NNG's Ventura point. The Interruptible Transportation Commodity (ITC) and Firm Transportation Commodity (FTC) shall equal the applicable pipeline Interruptible and Firm Transportation Commodity rates, respectively, and all applicable pipeline charges including, but not limited to: fuel rates and surcharges.

Imbalance Level	Overtake Charge	Undertake Charge
0% - 3%	MIP * 1.00 + ITC	MIP * 1.00 + FTC
>3% - 5%	MIP * 1.02 + ITC	MIP * 1.02 + FTC
>5% - 10%	MIP * 1.10 + ITC	MIP * 1.10 + FTC
>10% - 15%	MIP * 1.20 + ITC	MIP * 1.20 + FTC
>15% - 20%	MIP * 1.30 + ITC	MIP * 1.30 + FTC
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**SMALL VOLUME FLEX INTERRUPTIBLE TRANSPORTATION
OF CUSTOMER OWNED GAS (CLOSED) (Continued)
RATE CODE 157**

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LIMITED FIRM SERVICE (Continued)

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6th Revised Sheet No. 54

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Theresa Sarafolean, hereby certify that I have this day served copies of the foregoing document on the attached list of persons.

xx by depositing a true and correct copy thereof, properly enveloped with postage paid in the United States mail at Minneapolis, Minnesota

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