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BEFORE THE PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF COLORADO

IN THE MATTER OF ADVICE LETTER NO. 605 FILED BY ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION TO ELIMINATE THE CONSTRUCTION ALLOWANCES CURRENTLY INCLUDED IN COLORADO P.U.C. NO. 7, TO BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2024.

Proceeding No. 23AL-0579G

STIPULATION AND SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This unanimous and comprehensive Stipulation and Settlement Agreement ("Stipulation") is entered into by and between Atmos Energy Corporation ("Atmos Energy" or the "Company"), Trial Staff of the Colorado Public Utilities Commission ("Staff"), and the Office of Utility Consumer Advocate ("UCA") (each a "Settling Party," and collectively the "Settling Parties"). The Settling Parties submit that this Stipulation is a just and reasonable resolution of all issues that were or could have been raised in this proceeding and note that this Stipulation includes the Settling Parties' agreement regarding a procedural path forward to expeditiously resolve the issues in dispute.

Background

- 1. On November 30, 2023, Atmos Energy filed Advice Letter No. 605. The stated purpose of the advice letter was to remove language in Atmos Energy's tariff regarding construction allowances for new main and service line installations as required by C.R.S. § 40-3.2-104.3(2)(c).
- 2. On December 15, 2023, Staff filed a Protest Letter. Staff did not object to the removal of the tariff provisions as proposed in the advice letter. However, Staff objected to the advice letter because "Atmos's proposed tariff revisions do not include removal of the incentives

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of a utility-provided meter and other infrastructure associated with the addition of a new customer,

such as a service regulator."

3. On December 22, 2023, Colorado Natural Gas ("CNG") filed a Protest Letter.

While CNG filed a Protest Letter, CNG did not intervene in the suspended proceeding and is not

a party to this proceeding.

4. On December 29, 2023, the Commission issued Decision No. C23-0872

suspending Advice Letter No. 605 and setting this matter for hearing.

5. On January 11, 2024, the UCA filed its notice of intervention of right, request for

hearing, and entry of appearances. In support of its intervention, UCA indicated that it, "has

concerns similar to those raised by Staff and recognized by the Commission in [Decision No. C23-

0872]."

6. On January 29, 2024, Staff filed its notice of intervention as of right, entry of

appearance, notice pursuant to Rule 1007(a) and Rule 1401, and request for hearing.

Settlement Terms and Conditions

7. To resolve the issues raised in this proceeding regarding the elimination of

incentives to establish gas service to a property as required by § 40-3.2-104.3(2)(a), the Settling

Parties agree to the following:

a. The effective date of Tariff Sheet Nos. R23 and R25 included with Advice

Letter No. 605 should be permanently suspended. No later than five calendar days after the final

decision approving this Stipulation, Atmos Energy shall file a new compliance advice letter with

the amended tariff sheets included with this Stipulation as Attachment A. The amendments are

intended to make clear that customers initiating service to a new location will be required to pay

the cost of any main extensions, the service line, regulator, and meter. The cost charged to

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customers for any main extension, the service line, and regulator will be based on the actual costs

of the equipment and installation. The cost charged to customers for the meter will be based on

the Company's cost to purchase and install a meter and that amount is set forth in the amended

tariff sheets. Three versions of the amended tariff sheets are included as Attachment A to this

Stipulation: a redline version comparing the proposed amended tariffs as compared to those

currently in effect, a redline version comparing the proposed amended tariffs as compared to those

proposed with Advice Letter No. 605, and a clean version of the tariff sheets. The workpaper

supporting the charges for new meters is included as Attachment B.

b. Gas main and service line installations that qualify for the exemption from

the updated tariffs at C.R.S. § 40-3.2-104.3(2)(d) shall be subject to the applicable terms and

conditions of the following Atmos Energy tariff sheets Original Sheet No. R23, Fourth Revised

Sheet No R25, and Original Sheet R26. Those tariff sheets are included with this Stipulation as

Attachment C. As such, the revised tariff sheets approved as a result of this proceeding shall not

apply to gas main and service line installations qualifying for the exemption at C.R.S. § 40-3.2-

104.3(2)(d).

c. Contemporaneously with the filing of this Stipulation, Atmos Energy shall

file a motion requesting a variance from its current tariff such that it is permitted to no longer

provide construction allowances to customers seeking to establish gas service to a property,

allowing Atmos Energy to satisfy the intent of C.R.S. § 40-3.2-104.3 until the revised tariffs

eliminating incentives for establishing gas service and establishing the charge for new meters are

in effect.

d. This unanimous and comprehensive Stipulation should be approved without

a hearing.

8. The Settling Parties agree that this Stipulation is in the public interest because it

meets the statutory intent and requirements. Further, the intervening parties have reviewed the

statue and resolved their differences in the proceeding. Therefore, approving this Stipulation will

avoid litigation and result in judicial economy by conserving the Commission's resources. The

Settling Parties agree to support the Stipulation as being in the public interest in proceedings before

the Commission and to advocate in good faith that the Commission approve the Stipulation in its

entirety.

General Terms and Conditions

9. This Stipulation represents a compromise of the Settling Parties' positions and has

been negotiated as a comprehensive settlement. As such, the Settling Parties acknowledge that

their support and advocacy for the Stipulation is based upon the Stipulation as a whole and not

based upon its individual components viewed in isolation.

10. All negotiations relating to this Stipulation are subject to CRE 408, and that no

party will be bound by any position asserted in the negotiations, except to the extent expressly

stated in this Stipulation.

11. Except as otherwise expressly noted in this Stipulation: (a) the execution of this

Stipulation will not be deemed to constitute an acknowledgment of any Settling Party of the

validity or invalidity of any particular method, theory or principle of ratemaking or regulation, and

no Settling Party will be deemed to have agreed that any principle, method or theory of regulation

employed in arriving at this Stipulation is appropriate for resolving any issue in any other

proceeding; (b) the execution of the Stipulation will not constitute the basis of estoppel or waiver

in future proceedings by any Settling Party; and (c) no Settling Party will be deemed to be bound

by any position asserted by any other Settling Party.

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12. The Settling Parties acknowledge that their support and advocacy of the Stipulation

may be compromised by material alterations thereto. If the Commission rejects or materially alters

the Stipulation, within seven days of such Commission decision any Settling Party may provide

notice to the other Settling Parties of its objection to the Stipulation as modified. Upon such

objection, the Settling Parties will no longer be bound by its terms and will not be deemed to have

waived any of their respective procedural or due process rights under Colorado law. If a Settling

Party objects to the Stipulation as modified, it may withdraw from the Stipulation.

13. This Stipulation, if adopted and approved by the Commission, resolves all disputed

matters related to this proceeding between the Settling Parties except as explicitly noted otherwise.

Any disputed matters will be deemed resolved to the extent that the Stipulation is not compromised

by material alterations.

14. Except as otherwise expressly provided in this Stipulation, the issuance of a

decision approving this Stipulation will not be deemed to work as an estoppel upon the Settling

Parties or the Commission, or otherwise establish, or create any limitation on or precedent of the

Commission, in future proceedings.

15. This Stipulation will not become effective and will be given no force and effect

until the issuance of a final written Commission decision that accepts and approves this Stipulation.

16. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts and each counterpart

will have the same force and effect as an original document and as if all the Settling Parties had

signed the same document. Any signature page of this Stipulation may be detached from any

counterpart of this Stipulation without impairing the legal effect of any signatures thereon and may

be attached to another counterpart of the Stipulation identical in form hereto but having attached

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to it one or more signature page(s), and "pdf" signature pages exchanged by e-mail and electronic signatures will satisfy the requirements for execution.

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Dated this 27th day of February 2024.

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Redline Tariffs of Proposed Tariffs Against Those Filed With Advice Letter No. 605

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Definition of Terms

Construction Costs of Main & Service Lines

The construction cost of Main Extensions & Service Lines <u>Extensions</u> shall include the Company's <u>estimate of the combined costs of, together with all facilities incidental expenses connected therewith,</u> necessary to the <u>main extension Main Extension</u> and/or reinforcement, <u>including satisfactory rights of way.</u> The construction cost for Service Lines shall include the Company's <u>estimated cost to install the service line</u> or Service Line Extension.

Construction Payment

The required amount advanced by Subscriber to pay all <u>construction costs</u> Construction Costs, including gross-up for taxes, related to a new main extension Main Extension or Service Line Extension.

Extension Completion Date

The date on which the construction of a main extension is completed as shown by the Company's records.

Main Extension

Distribution or supply mains, including all facilities, necessary to supply service to additional customers. Appurtenant facilities are short stop fittings, tees, caps, tracer wire, anodes, markers, cathodic protection, risers, etc. required to complete the main line or service line.

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Gas Main and Service Line Installations

SERVICE LINES

For gas service of a permanent character, the Company will install the necessary gas service meter, service regulator, and Service Line as set out herein.

The ownership of the Service Line and meter shall be vested in the Company and the control of same shall remain with the Company while customer is connected to Company's distribution main. As a condition of receiving service, the customer and/or Subscriber shall be deemed to have granted an easement to the Company for all necessary facilities. The Subscriber is responsible for the cost of the Service Line—Extension and meter. The cost of the meter will be billed to the Subscriber in the following amounts:

Residential - \$276. Small Commercial - \$443. Commercial - \$1,766. Irrigation - \$1,766

GAS MAIN EXTENSIONS

The Subscriber is responsible for the cost of the Main Extension.

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Gas Main and Service Line Installations (continued)

Reinforcements

The Subscriber requesting service, including requests for new developments, of such a size and magnitude as to effect the integrity and reliability of the gas distribution system without additional reinforcement shall be responsible for the reinforcement costs and said costs will be included as part of the overall Service Line and Main Extension cost to the Subscriber. Such reinforcement costs will be entitled to a Construction Deposit Refund in a manner similar to other Service Line & Main Extension refunds. Where gas distribution system reinforcements are required to supply an applicant for residential or commercial gas service, the Company will make such reinforcement at its expense. For other classes of service any reinforcement shall be made in accordance with individual agreements between applicant and the Company based upon the amount, character and permanency of the load.

Temporary and Intermittent Service

When service under any rate will be temporary or intermittent in character, the connection and extension shall be made at option of the Company, and only where the Company has adequate capacity available for the class of service applied for. Applicant shall pay to the Company, in advance, its estimated cost of labor, material, supervision, etc., incidental to installing and removing necessary mains, service meters, and other equipment required, less the salvage value of such materials and equipment.

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These Rules and Regulations set forth the Service Line and Main Extension Policy of the Company available in all territory served by the Company. Extension of the Company's facilities shall be made in accordance with the rates and rules and regulations set forth in the Company's tariff, as well as in accordance with the public utilities law of the State of Colorado.

General Provisions

Where natural gas service is to be supplied from a transmission main, all requests for such service are subject to the approval of the pipeline company owning the particular transmission main and to the rules of such pipeline company pertinent to the location of the transmission main, tap, etc. The Company also reserves the right to limit the location and number of or to reject applications for service requiring transmission main taps. Inasmuch as the Company does not own, operate and maintain transmission mains, the Company is not responsible for the continued delivery of gas to customers served therefrom should the pipeline company re-route, abandon, or otherwise discontinue use of the transmission main or should operating conditions be so changed as to make the supplying of service directly therefrom too hazardous, difficult, or impractical, in the opinion of the Company, to be continued.

In all cases, the facilities provided will be constructed by the Company, or Company approved Contractors, in accordance with the Company's specifications and shall be, at all times, the property of the Company to the point of delivery. Main extension Extension and transmission main regulator station contracts and Service Line Extension arrangements will be based upon the Company's estimate of the cost of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply the service requested by CustomerSubscriber. Such cost will include the cost of all materials, labor, rights-of-way, etc., together with all incidental and overhead expenses connected therewith. Where special items, not incorporated in said specifications, are required to meet local construction conditions, the cost thereof will also be included.

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Definition of Terms

Construction Allowance

The amount of Construction Costs of Main and Service Line that is refundable to the Subscriber upon conditions prescribed in the Construction Deposit Refund section.

Construction Costs of Main & Service Lines

The construction cost of Main Extensions & Service Lines <u>Extensions</u> shall include the Company's <u>costs</u>, together with all incidental expenses connected therewith, <u>estimate of the combined costs of all facilities</u> necessary to the <u>main Main extension Extension</u> and/or reinforcement <u>or Service Line Extension</u>, including satisfactory rights of way. The construction cost for Service Lines shall include the Company's estimated cost to install the service line.

Construction Payment

The required amount advanced by Subscriber to pay all <u>construction Construction costsCosts</u>, including gross-up for taxes, related <u>to a new main extension Main Extension or Service Line Extension</u>.

Extension Completion Date

The date on which the construction of a main extension is completed as shown by the Company's records.

Main Extension

Distribution or supply mains, including all facilities, necessary to supply service to additional customers. Appurtenant facilities are short stop fittings, tees, caps, tracer wire, anodes, markers, cathodic protection, risers, etc. required to complete the main line or service line.

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Rules, Regulations or Extension Policy RULES AND REGULATIONS NATURAL GAS SERVICE SERVICE LINE AND MAIN EXTENSION POLICY **Definition of Terms (continued) Main Reinforcement** Increase in size or number of existing facilities necessitated by Subscriber's estimated gas or pressure requirements. **Point of Delivery** Point where the Company's gas service connection is connected to the gas meter. Service line The supply pipe extending from the distribution main to and including the first valve or cock past the meter. **Service Line Extension** (N) The Service Line and regulator necessary to supply service to an additional customer. (N) Subscriber The individual or entity that requests a Main Extension, and/or Service Line extension Extension. <u>(C)</u>

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s/ Kathleen R. Ocanas Karen
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SERVICE LINES

For gas service of a permanent character, the Company will install the necessary gas service meter, service regulator, and Service Line as set out herein.

The ownership of the Service Line and meter shall be vested in the Company and the control of same shall remain with the Company while customer is connected to Company's distribution main. As a condition of receiving service, the customer and/or Subscriber shall be deemed to have granted an easement to the Company for all necessary facilities. The Subscriber is responsible for the cost of the Service Line Extension and meter. in excess of the Construction Allowance. The Construction ees are: The cost of the meter will be billed to the Subscriber in the following amounts:

- 1. Residential Service(1) \$920276.
- 2. Small Commercial Service (2) \$1,540443.

Commercial Service 3 - \$1,540766.

3. Irrigation - \$1,766

GAS MAIN EXTENSIONS

The Subscriber is responsible for the cost of the Main Extension in excess of the Construction Allowance. The Construction Allowances are:

- Residential Service(1)
- Small Commercial Service (2) \$2,070.
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s/ Kathleen R. Ocanas

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Gas Main and Service Line Installations (continued)

Construction Payment Refunds

Under a Main Extension Agreement, the Subscriber is to be eligible for a refund amount equal to the Construction Allowance as provided in this tariff. Within a five (5) year refund period, with said period commencing on the date of the Main Extension Agreement, the Subscriber can also receive an additional Construction Allowance payment for each new customer meter connection, provided that the connection is to a location where service has not been previously rendered and that additional main construction or extension is not required. A refund is considered earned at the time a gas meter is originally connected at any point on a main extension covered by the Main Extension Agreement. The refund will be calculated and paid at least once a year at a time determined by the Company. The aggregate amount of all refunds shall not, in any event, exceed the amount of the Construction Payment. The right to a refund of any deposit remining unrefunded at the end of the specified refund period (5 years) shall cease.

Reinforcements

The Subscriber requesting service, including requests for new developments, of such a size and magnitude as to effect the integrity and reliability of the gas distribution system without additional reinforcement shall be responsible for the reinforcement costs and said costs will be included as part of the overall Service Line and Main Extension cost to the Subscriber. Such reinforcement costs will be entitled to a Construction Deposit Refund in a manner similar to other Service Line & Main Extension refunds. Where gas distribution system reinforcements are required to supply an applicant for residential or commercial gas service, the Company will make such reinforcement at its expense. For other classes of service any reinforcement shall be made in accordance with individual agreements between applicant and the Company based upon the amount, character and permanency of the load.

Temporary and Intermittent Service

When service under any rate will be temporary or intermittent in character, the connection and extension shall be made at option of the Company, and only where the Company has adequate capacity available for the class of service applied for. Applicant shall pay to the Company, in advance, its estimated cost of labor, material, supervision, etc., incidental to installing and removing necessary mains, service meters, and other equipment required, less the salvage value of such materials and equipment.

<u>s/ Karen Wilkes Kathleen R.</u> Ocanas

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General Provisions

Where natural gas service is to be supplied from a transmission main, all requests for such service are subject to the approval of the pipeline company owning the particular transmission main and to the rules of such pipeline company pertinent to the location of the transmission main, tap, etc. The Company also reserves the right to limit the location and number of or to reject applications for service requiring transmission main taps. Inasmuch as the Company does not own, operate and maintain transmission mains, the Company is not responsible for the continued delivery of gas to customers served therefrom should the pipeline company re-route, abandon, or otherwise discontinue use of the transmission main or should operating conditions be so changed as to make the supplying of service directly therefrom too hazardous, difficult, or impractical, in the opinion of the Company, to be continued.

In all cases, the facilities provided will be constructed by the Company, or Company approved Contractors, in accordance with the Company's specifications and shall be, at all times, the property of the Company to the point of delivery. Main Extension and transmission main regulator station contracts and Service Line Extension arrangements will be based upon the Company's estimate of the cost of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply the service requested by Subscriber. Such cost will include the cost of all materials, labor, rights-of-way, etc., together with all incidental and overhead expenses connected therewith. Where special items, not incorporated in said specifications, are required to meet local construction conditions, the cost thereof will also be included.

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NATURAL GAS SERVICE

SERVICE LINE AND MAIN EXTENSION POLICY

Definition of Terms

Construction Costs of Main & Service Lines

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The construction cost of Main Extensions & Service Lines Extensions shall include the Company's costs, together with all incidental expenses connected therewith, necessary to the Main Extension and/or reinforcement or Service Line Extension.

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Construction Payment

(N) (N,D)

The required amount advanced by Subscriber to pay all Construction Costs, including gross-up for taxes, related Main Extension or Service Line Extension.

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Extension Completion Date

The date on which the construction of a main extension is completed as shown by the Company's records.

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Main Extension

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Distribution or supply mains, including all facilities, necessary to supply service to additional customers. Appurtenant facilities are short stop fittings, tees, caps, tracer wire, anodes, markers, cathodic protection, risers, etc. required to complete the main line.

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SERVICE LINE AND MAIN EXTENSION POLICY

Definition of Terms (continued)

Main Reinforcement

Increase in size or number of existing facilities necessitated by Subscriber's estimated gas or pressure requirements.

Point of Delivery

Point where the Company's gas service connection is connected to the gas meter.

Service line

The supply pipe extending from the distribution main to and including the first valve or cock past the meter.

Service Line Extension (N) The Service Line and regulator necessary to supply service to an additional customer. (N)

Subscriber

The individual or entity that requests a Main Extension, and/or Service Line Extension. (C)

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s/ Kathleen R. Ocanas
Vice President Rates and
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Gas Main and Service Line Installations

SERVICE LINES

For gas service of a permanent character, the Company will install the necessary gas service meter, service regulator, and Service Line as set out herein.

The ownership of the Service Line and meter shall be vested in the Company and the control of same shall remain with the Company while customer is connected to Company's distribution main. As a condition of receiving service, the customer and/or Subscriber shall be deemed to have granted an easement to the Company for all necessary facilities. The Subscriber is responsible for the cost of the Service Line Extension and meter. The cost of the meter will be billed to the Subscriber in the following amounts:

Residential - \$276.

Small Commercial' - \$443.

Commercial - \$1,766.

Irrigation - \$1,766

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GAS MAIN EXTENSIONS

The Subscriber is responsible for the cost of the Main Extension. (D)

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NATURAL GAS SERVICE

SERVICE LINE AND MAIN EXTENSION POLICY

Gas Main and Service Line Installations (continued)

Reinforcements (D)

The Subscriber requesting service, including requests for new developments, of such a size and magnitude as to effect the integrity and reliability of the gas distribution system without additional reinforcement shall be responsible for the reinforcement costs and said costs will be included as part of the overall Service Line and Main Extension cost to the Subscriber. Such reinforcement costs will be entitled to a Construction Deposit Refund in a manner similar to other Service Line & Main Extension refunds. Where gas distribution system reinforcements are required to supply an applicant for residential or commercial gas service, the Company will make such reinforcement at its expense. For other classes of service any reinforcement shall be made in accordance with individual agreements between applicant and the Company based upon the amount, character and permanency of the load.

Temporary and Intermittent Service

When service under any rate will be temporary or intermittent in character, the connection and extension shall be made at option of the Company, and only where the Company has adequate capacity available for the class of service applied for. Applicant shall pay to the Company, in advance, its estimated cost of labor, material, supervision, etc., incidental to installing and removing necessary mains, service meters, and other equipment required, less the salvage value of such materials and equipment.

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Workpaper Supporting Changes

Atmos Energy Corporation Colorado Division Meter Set Costing

| | | R | ate Sch | edule | | | | |
|-------------|-------|---------|---------|--------|-------|----------|--------|----------|
| | Resid | dential | Small | Comm | Large | Comm | Irriga | ntion |
| Material | \$ | 179.71 | \$ | 311.52 | \$ | 1,356.51 | \$ | 1,356.51 |
| Labor | \$ | 38.30 | \$ | 38.30 | \$ | 38.30 | \$ | 38.30 |
| Direct Cost | \$ | 218.01 | \$ | 349.82 | \$ | 1,394.81 | \$ | 1,394.81 |
| Overhead | \$ | 58.01 | \$ | 93.09 | \$ | 371.16 | \$ | 371.16 |
| Total | \$ | 276 | \$ | 443 | \$ | 1,766 | \$ | 1,766 |

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|------|----|---|-----|------|
| Cost | of | M | et | ers* |

| Residential | \$ 180 |
|------------------|-------------|
| Small Commercial | \$ 312 |
| Large Commercial | \$ 1,357 |
| Irrigation | \$ 1,357 |

¹⁾ Costs inclusive of meter and WMR unit

Sr. Service Tech Non-exempt grade 4 45 minute meter set order

| Grade | Minimum | Midpoint | Maximum |
|-------|---------|----------|---------|
| NEX1 | \$17.21 | \$21.52 | \$25.84 |
| NEX2 | \$19.03 | \$23.79 | \$28.54 |
| NEX3 | \$21.44 | \$26.83 | \$32.18 |
| NEX4 | \$24.40 | \$30.49 | \$36.59 |
| NEX5 | \$27.74 | \$34.69 | \$41.63 |
| NEX6 | \$31.64 | \$39.55 | \$47.44 |
| NEX7 | \$36.70 | \$45.87 | \$55.06 |

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| NEX6 | \$31.64 | | \$20.55 | _ |
|---------------|---------|---------|---------|---|
| NEX7 | \$36.70 | \$45.87 | | - |
| | | | | |
| Cost per hour | | | 30.49 | |

FY24 Colorado Capital Budget

Cost per order (3/4 of hr)

| Labor | \$ | 3,453 |
|---------------|-------------------|--------|
| Benefits | \$ | 809 |
| Benefits Rate | 10 -10 | 23.42% |

Capitalized Rent, Vehicles, Heavy Equip, Utilities

| (RHUTTS) | \$ | 1,521 |
|------------------------|----|--------|
| Rhutts % of Direct Lbr | 8 | 44.05% |
| Labor | \$ | 22.87 |
| Benefits | \$ | 5.36 |
| RHUTTs | \$ | 10.07 |
| Total | \$ | 38.30 |

| FY24 Colorado Overhead budge | 24 Colorado Overhe | ead bud | get |
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| BU/State/SSU | 26.61% |
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RULES AND REGULATIONS NATURAL GAS SERVICE SERVICE LINE AND MAIN EXTENSION POLICY

Definition of Terms

Construction Allowance

The amount of Construction Costs of Main and Service Line that is refundable to the Subscriber upon conditions prescribed in the Construction Deposit Refund section.

Construction Costs of Main & Service Lines

The construction cost of Main Extensions & Service Lines shall include the Company's estimate of the combined costs of all facilities necessary to the main extension and/or reinforcement, including satisfactory rights-of-way. The construction cost for Service Lines shall include the Company's estimated cost to install the service line.

Construction Payment

The required amount advanced by Subscriber to pay all construction costs, including gross-up for taxes, related to a new main extension.

Extension Completion Date

The date on which the construction of a main extension is completed as shown by the Company's records.

Main Extension

Distribution or supply mains, including all facilities, necessary to supply service to additional customers. Appurtenant facilities are short stop fittings, tees, caps, tracer wire, anodes, markers, cathodic protection, risers, etc. required to complete the main line or service line.

Main Reinforcement

Increase in size or number of existing facilities necessitated by Subscriber's estimated gas or pressure requirements.

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Residential Service (1) - \$920.00

Small Commercial Service (2) - \$1,540.00

Commercial Service (3) - \$1,540.00 3.

GAS MAIN EXTENSIONS

The Subscriber is responsible for the cost of the Main Extension in excess of the Construction Allowance. The Construction Allowances are:

Residential Service (1) - \$500.00

Small Commercial Service (2) - \$2,070.00 2.

Commercial Service (3) - \$2,590.00

Note 1 – Applicable to applicants having expected annual consumption less than or equal to 2,500 Ccf.

Note 2 – Applicable to applicants having expected annual consumption greater than 2,500 Ccf and less than or equal to 5,000

Note 3 – Applicable to applicants having expected annual consumption greater than 5,000 Ccf.

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Gas Main and Service Line Installations (continued)

Construction Payment Refunds

Under a Main Extension Agreement, the Subscriber is to be eligible for a refund amount equal to the Construction Allowance as provided in this tariff. Within a five (5) year refund period, with said period commencing on the date of the Main Extension Agreement, the Subscriber can also receive an additional Construction Allowance payment for each new customer meter connection, provided that the connection is to a location where service has not been previously rendered and that additional main construction or extension is not required. A refund is considered earned at the time a gas meter is originally connected at any point on a main extension covered by the Main Extension Agreement. The refund will be calculated and paid at least once a year at a time determined by the Company. The aggregate amount of all refunds shall not, in any event, exceed the amount of the Construction Payment. The right to a refund of any deposit remaining unrefunded at the end of the specified refund period (5 years) shall cease.

Reinforcements

The Subscriber requesting service, including requests for new developments, of such a size and magnitude as to effect the integrity and reliability of the gas distribution system without additional reinforcement shall be responsible for the reinforcement costs and said costs will be included as part of the overall Service Line and Main Extension cost to the Subscriber. Such reinforcement costs will be entitled to a Construction Deposit Refund in a manner similar to other Service Line & Main Extension refunds. Where gas distribution system reinforcements are required to supply an applicant for residential or commercial gas service, the Company will make such reinforcement at its expense. For other classes of service any reinforcement shall be made in accordance with individual agreements between applicant and the Company based upon the amount, character and permanency of the load.

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