



October 15, 2003

Mr. Bruce N. Smith, Director  
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Of the State of Colorado  
Office Level 2  
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RE: Advice Letter No. 201

Dear Mr. Smith:

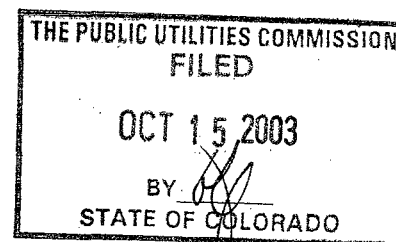
In compliance with the requirements of the Public Utility Law of Colorado, Kinder Morgan, Inc. (KMI) hereby submits for filing with the Commission, as part of its Colorado Gas Tariff No. 11, the following tariff sheets to be effective December 1, 2003:

Colorado Gas Tariff No. 11

First Revised Sheet No. 66  
First Revised Sheet No. 67  
First Revised Sheet No. 68  
First Revised Sheet No. 69  
Second Revised Sheet No. 71  
First Revised Sheet No. 71B

Enclosed are the following:

- a. This Advice Letter (original and 10 copies),
- b. A Form of Notice,
- c. Final version of proposed tariff sheet changes, and
- d. Marked version of proposed tariff sheet changes (original and 3 copies).



**Statement of Nature, Basis and Reason**

**Introduction**

KMI is submitting this filing to add new tariff provisions, "WinterGuard Billing Option" on tariff sheet nos. 66 through 69 of its Colorado Gas Tariff No. 11, which pertains to KMI's customers located in its Arkansas Valley and Western Slope rate areas. Specifically, KMI is proposing to add provisions to offer a fixed billing option to all qualified customers, as defined on tariff sheet no. 68. In Docket No. 01I-046G, Investigation of Gas Pricing by Regulated Natural Gas Utilities, the Commission solicited comments relating to natural gas price volatility and possible options to provide greater rate stability and predictability for customers. KMI's

purpose for offering this billing option is to give all qualified customers the option of receiving a guaranteed, predetermined annual bill for natural gas service, regardless of weather or changes in natural gas prices, spread over twelve equal monthly payments. KMI proposes that the tariff sheets accompanying this advice letter become effective December 1, 2003. Contemporaneous with the filing of this Advice Letter No. 201, KMI is also submitting a like filing that pertains to its customers located in its North Eastern, North Central and Western Slope rate areas receiving natural gas service under Colorado Gas Tariff No. 6.

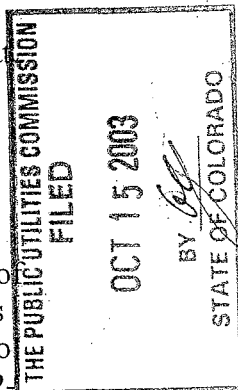
The WinterGuard Billing Option will allow all qualified customers who voluntarily choose this billing option the convenience of paying the same fixed amount for 12 consecutive months regardless of the price of natural gas or weather changes. This billing option will provide an alternative to eliminate the volatility often prevalent in energy bills and thus provide stability, budget certainty, convenience, and protection from price and usage spikes to customers who choose this billing option. The fixed amount resulting from this billing option will include the currently effective distribution rate for gas delivery, including the applicable monthly Customer Charge, surcharges and riders, the commodity gas cost price that will be fixed by the Company prior to the time of the Customer's enrollment, a program fee no lower than five percent (5%) and no greater than ten percent (10%) of the Customer's total annual bill, which fee will be established prior to each program year by the Company, applicable sales taxes and franchise fees. The amount will not include any non-natural gas utility service related charges.

Because of the fact that the natural gas requirements will be purchased at a fixed price subject to the Company's hedging policy and an assumption that normal weather will occur during the period, customers enrolling in this billing option could pay more or less than customers on the standard tariff whose bills fluctuate depending upon usage and gas cost adjustments. Each customer's billing amount for the WinterGuard Billing Option will be determined on an individual basis, reflecting individual natural gas usage. This billing option amount will normally not be adjusted during the 12 month period, and there will be no end of the period true-up payments, credits, or balances carried forward to the next program year. The fixed bill amount will not change for the entire twelve month period due to any changes that occur in natural gas market prices or in weather conditions that affect gas usage.

### **WinterGuard Billing Option Program Specifics**

KMI is proposing that the WinterGuard billing option be available for a trial period of two consecutive program years, beginning April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2006, unless KMI applies for and the Commission approves a continuation of the option. Customers who qualify and select this option will receive firm natural gas sales and delivery service for a 12-month period from April 1 through March 31 of each year. Customers will qualify by having monthly natural gas usage that is sensitive to weather variations at their service address and by consuming an amount of natural gas less than 2,000 ccfs per year. This option will be offered to all qualified customers who are eligible for service under Rate Schedules GS-1 and GS-3 at the customer's current premises.

A customer's initial election to enroll in this billing option will be made each year for a one year term by: 1) signing and returning a direct mail enrollment form, 2) enrolling by

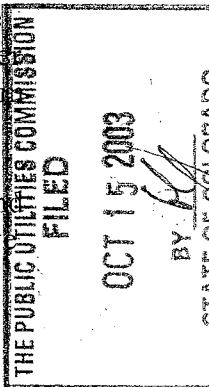


telephone, or 3) enrolling through an Internet web site. These three alternative methods of selection will be provided to maximize customer convenience and participation. Customer education will be an important part of the selection process. The amount of time that it will take to educate all customers is the main reason that KMI is requesting an effective date of December 1, 2003. The 12 month WinterGuard program year is proposed to start on April 1, 2004. The months leading up to the April 1 date will be used to develop educational materials and provide program information that will help to educate KMI's Colorado customers about the WinterGuard Billing Option and how it works. Exhibit 1 shows an example of some of the educational material that is being prepared to help customers make an informed decision.

The monthly WinterGuard Billing Option amount for a customer will be an individually calculated fixed bill amount based upon that customer's unique annual historic consumption of natural gas normalized for actual weather variances. The total annual fixed bill calculation amount will then be divided by twelve for billing purposes and will remain fixed for twelve consecutive monthly billing periods. To provide a fixed and guaranteed amount for each qualified customer, KMI will normalize each customer's individual natural gas usage for each of the twelve months of the program. An example of this normalization procedure is shown in Exhibit 2. Each customer's load variability (also known as "swing") will then be estimated by using a linear regression line which plots aggregated customer volumes over multiple years with coincidental temperature. An example of this linear regression line is shown in Exhibit 3. An example of the corresponding swing calculation is shown in Exhibit 4.

KMI intends to limit its financial risk associated with offering the WinterGuard Billing Option by entering into several financial derivative transactions. Aggregated normalized usage will be hedged for each of the twelve months of the program year using a combination of natural gas futures and basis swaps which correspond with pipeline receipt points where natural gas supplies are purchased to serve these customers. Above-normal usage associated with colder-than-normal weather will be hedged by purchasing financial call options for each of the twelve months of the program year. Below-normal usage associated with warmer-than-normal weather will be hedged by purchasing financial put options for each of the twelve months of the program year. Calls and puts will be purchased in a volumetric amount that is one standard deviation above and below normal usage, respectively, where a standard deviation represents the middle 68% of events under a normalized probability table. The underlying index for both the calls and puts will correspond to pipeline receipt points where natural gas supplies are purchased to serve these customers. KMI will assume all risk associated with temperature events outside one standard deviation for any WinterGuard Billing Option customer.

A qualified customer can be removed without financial recourse against KMI from the WinterGuard Billing Option for the following reasons: (1) the customer has significantly altered customary natural gas usage patterns; (2) a change in any statute, regulation or a decision or Order of a court, agency or other jurisdictional entity that prevents the completion of the twelve month billing period; (3) customer is no longer receiving service from KMI at the original premises, either because the customer has moved from the original premises or has discontinued natural gas service at the original premises; or (4) service is discontinued to the customer for non-payment. Customers enrolling in this option agree to act in good faith to maintain their customary natural gas usage patterns. Failure to do so will be considered an act of default under the terms of this Billing Option. Examples that could change historic natural gas usage include



an increase in furnace and/or water heater settings, increases in customer living space or addition of new gas appliances. If a customer's cumulative consumption increases by more than 15% at any time during the program year from the historic profile for any reason, other than the impact of weather, KMI will have the right to remove the customer from this option and the customer may be billed for such natural gas usage that exceeds 15% of the customer's cumulative consumption from the historic profile. In all cases, customers will be removed only after notification and will be given an opportunity to remedy the default.

If the customer's WinterGuard Billing Option agreement terminates for any of the reasons listed above, or if a customer requests cancellation prior to the end of the one year program term, the customer will be subject to a \$50.00 cancellation fee to cover administrative costs. Customers will also be responsible for payment of service billed to the date of cancellation under this billing option. For customers that discontinue or transfer their natural gas service, the customer will be responsible for the payment of actual days of service under this option.

### **WinterGuard Billing Option Proposed Tariff Provisions**

KMI proposes adding the following tariff provisions for the WinterGuard Billing Option:

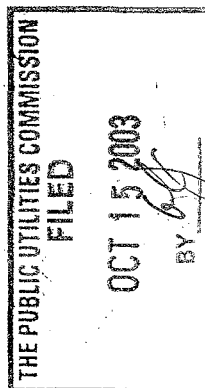
Section 1 is entitled Availability. This section describes the time period that KMI proposes that this option be available, which customers are eligible, and what the Company will need to establish on an annual basis. Enrollment for this billing option will be open to qualified customers for a limited time prior to the program term year. The Company will annually establish: (1) an expected enrollment level, (2) the program fee and (3) a time limit for customers to enroll in this billing option.

Section 2 is entitled Applicability and Character of WinterGuard Billing Option. This section describes the annual timeframe for this billing option, the customer's initial election process, and various terms and conditions applicable to this billing option. The contract term can be automatically extended year-to-year with at least thirty days notice to affected customers. Each annual automatic extension will be deemed to be a new program year term and may reflect an updated fixed bill amount to reflect any change in natural gas usage and/or cost of gas. In the event this billing option is terminated, customers will automatically return to the standard billing option under the rate schedule in which they are eligible to receive gas sales service.

Section 3 is entitled Rates and Charges. This section describes the billing option computation process, the cost components, and explains that the calculated monthly total amount will be shown on the customer's bill as a lump sum amount. KMI respectfully requests that the Commission grant waiver of Rule 4 (CCR) 723-4-10 to allow for this bill format variation.

Section 4 is entitled Early Termination Provisions. This section describes customer cancellation fees, requirements, responsibilities, and consequences if the customer's WinterGuard billing option agreement terminates prior to the end of the established contract term.

Section 5 is entitled Definitions and Conditions. This section defines a qualified



customer, describes the Company's rights to terminate the billing option, the Company's conditions under which a qualified customer can be removed from this billing option without financial recourse against the Company, and the Company's possible additional financial recourse action against a customer. The Company retains the right to terminate the WinterGuard Billing Option and return customers to their otherwise applicable billing options and rate schedules during or at the conclusion of the term due to a change in an applicable Colorado statute or Colorado Public Utility Commission order, policy or regulation that adversely impacts this program. If this billing option is terminated by the Company for the reasons stated, the customer will not be charged the cancellation fee.

Section 6 is entitled Rules and Regulations. This section states that as a condition of the WinterGuard Billing Option, the customer agrees to abide by, and is obligated to comply with, the Company's Sales Rate Schedules and General Terms and Conditions, as approved by the Colorado Public Utility Commission from time-to-time, to the extent that they are not in conflict with or inconsistent with the specific provisions of this Billing Option.

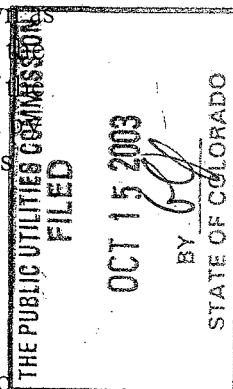
### **WinterGuard Projection Methods and Additional Proposals**

As stated in Section 1 and described above, KMI will annually establish an expected enrollment level. This process will include a projection of total natural gas usage requirements for customers expected to use this billing option. Enrollment estimates will be based on the historic information for which similar fixed bill options have been offered in other KMI jurisdictions during the past five years. Total usage requirements for this expected enrollment level will then be based on the historic information within the appropriate KMI Colorado rate area. KMI will enter into all necessary financial derivative transactions to lock in a fixed price for aggregated normalized volumes that will include all volumetric swings within one standard deviation.

KMI proposes that any excess gas supply that is acquired and hedged for the WinterGuard program (if applicable), as such excess may be due to a lower initial enrollment in the WinterGuard Billing Option or due to early termination by customers during the program year, will be transferred into the GCA gas supply portfolio at the total purchased cost, including hedging costs. This will result in the GCA gas supply portfolio containing a fixed cost supply purchase, which could also add to the stability of the overall GCA gas supply portfolio. This process will occur on a monthly basis. An example of the pro rata hedge calculation is shown in Exhibit No. 5. In addition, KMI will annually determine and establish, at its sole discretion, program fee. The program fee will be a non-regulated ("below the line") cost component of the WinterGuard Billing Option program, and will fluctuate each year within a range proscribed by the tariff. The fee will be set at no lower than 5% and no greater than 10% of the Customer's total annual bill, and will be set and published by KMI prior to each program year.

### **Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) Tariff Modifications**

In conjunction with the implementation of the WinterGuard Billing Option, KMI also proposes changes in the Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) provisions of its Colorado P.U.C. Tariff No.11. . As discussed above, KMI proposes these modifications to its GCA provisions in order



to allow for the inclusion of hedged gas supplies and costs in the event that such excess supplies exist as a result of a lower initial enrollment in the WinterGuard Billing Option or due to early termination by customers during the program year. In addition, KMI proposes that the time period described in section (d), be extended for one year to 2006 to allow for consistency with the WinterGuard trial period, which is also proposed to end during 2006. Extension and modification of the allowing provisions of KMI's overall hedging activity will allow for KMI to plan and purchase gas supplies with an element of continued price stability into the future.

### **Fixed Bill Programs in Other States**

KMI has been successfully providing the WinterGuard Billing Option to its gas utility customers in Wyoming and Nebraska for a number of years. Across the country, there are many different variations of this type of program currently in effect. The average subscriber to a fixed bill program is generally a residential customer or a small commercial customer with a predictable, weather-sensitive usage pattern. Utilities are currently offering some variation of a fixed bill program in the states of Kansas, Georgia, Minnesota, Illinois, North Carolina, South Carolina, Wisconsin, Indiana, Florida, Alabama, and Oklahoma.

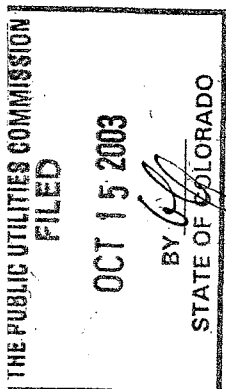
Last year the Indiana Utility Regulatory Commission approved a program similar to WinterGuard that was offered by Northern Indiana Public Service Company. In its Order of July 3, 2002, in Cause No. 42097, the Indiana commission reasoned as follows:

Commission finds even though the fixed gas bill service would be offered by a monopoly at a deregulated rate there is no reason to believe that the LDC would be able to collect monopoly profits from the service. It explains that because the fixed gas bill service would be in competition with the rate regulated service of the LDC, the prices charged for the fixed bill service would be influenced by comparison to the rate regulated services.

Commission finds that inasmuch as the purpose of the fixed gas bill program is not to provide a low-cost product but is instead to provide a convenience, and because the utility likely will incur significant expenses in setting up and running the program, it is reasonable to treat the program expenses and revenues below-the-line so that the utility can reap the benefits or losses of its efforts.

The Commission does not doubt that there may be customers who have the ability to pay a higher amount for the convenience and certainty of a fixed gas bill, and who have their reasons for doing so. Those reasons could include a desire to avoid unusual price spikes like those experienced in the winter of 2000-2001, or could be as simple as a desire to precisely budget their gas bills. The Commission notes that in the highly competitive long-distance telephone market, billing options now include flat monthly rates. There is no reason to believe that a similar product wouldn't appeal to purchasers of gas services, and the Commission sees no reason why a fair program should not be approved.

KMI believes such reasoning applies equally to its WinterGuard Billing Option and urges the Commission to hold that it is in the public interest to allow KMI's Colorado customers to have such option.



### Service

Notice in the form attached hereto in this filing will be provided to customers in accordance with the Colorado PUC regulations before the tenth day prior to the effective date of the proposed tariff sheets.

### Communication

Copies of all orders and pleadings in this docket should be served upon the following individuals:

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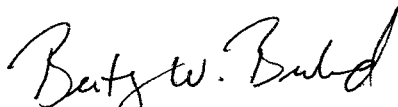
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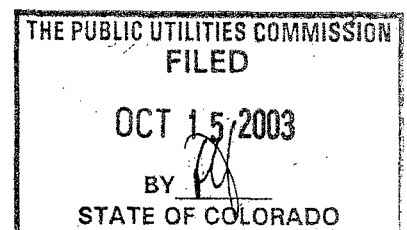
### Effective Date and Waivers

KMI respectfully requests that the tariff sheets identified in this filing become effective December 1, 2003 and that the Commission grant specific waiver of its regulations as requested above. KMI is unaware of any other specific waivers, but to the extent waivers of any other regulations or requirements are deemed necessary in order for the Commission to accept and place into effect the proposed tariff sheets, KMI requests that such waivers be granted.

Respectfully submitted,



Bentley W. Breland  
Vice President, Certificates and Rates



## RULES, REGULATIONS OR EXTENSION POLICY

### WINTERGUARD BILLING OPTION

1. Availability. The WinterGuard Billing Option shall be available for a trial period of two (2) consecutive program years, beginning April 1, 2004 and ending March 31, 2006, unless the Commission by subsequent order approves the continuation of this billing option. This sales service billing option shall be available to Customers who are eligible for service under Rate Schedules GS-1 and GS-3 and who satisfy, and voluntarily agree to accept, the conditions of the WinterGuard Billing Option contained in the Definitions and Conditions section of this Tariff. The fixed bill amount quoted to each Qualified Customer electing this billing option shall apply in lieu of the applicable rates and applicable rate adjustments under which the Customer otherwise pays for sales service. The Company will annually establish: (1) an expected enrollment level, (2) the program fee and (3) a time limit for Customers to enroll in this billing option, all of which may be changed at the Company's sole discretion, based upon operational and administrative considerations that may affect its ability to provide the described option. As described in the Definitions and Conditions section of this billing option, the Customers who are eligible to enroll in this option, shall be subject to qualification by the Company.

2. Applicability and Character of WinterGuard Billing Option. Customers who qualify for and select this option will receive firm natural gas sales and delivery service for a 12-month period from April 1 through March 31 of each year. A Customer's initial election to enroll in this billing option shall be made via the Customer's written signature to a direct mail piece, phone selection system or Internet web site selection provided by the Company. Election to this billing option shall be for a one (1) year term, subject to Customer rescission rights as contained in the WinterGuard Billing Option terms and conditions agreement. The contract term can be automatically extended according to the program terms and conditions year-to-year with at least thirty (30) days notice to affected Customers. Each annual automatic extension shall be deemed to be a new program year term for purposes of this billing option and may reflect an updated fixed bill amount to reflect any change in natural gas usage and/or cost of gas. In the event this billing option is terminated, for any reason, as further described in the definitions and conditions section of this billing option, then Customers shall automatically return to the standard billing option under the rate schedule in which they are eligible to receive gas sales service.



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3. Rates and Charges. The monthly WinterGuard Billing Option amount for gas sales service under this option shall be computed as follows: each Qualified Customer accepting the terms of the WinterGuard Billing Option shall pay an individually calculated fixed bill amount based upon that Customer's annual historic consumption of natural gas normalized for actual weather variances. The total annual fixed bill calculation amount will then be divided by twelve (12) for billing purposes and will remain fixed for twelve (12) consecutive monthly billing periods. The components of cost applied to each Customer's annual natural gas usage profile from the Customer's otherwise applicable rate schedule will be: (1) the currently effective distribution rate for gas delivery, including the applicable monthly Customer Charge; (2) surcharges and riders, as applicable; (3) the commodity gas cost price that will be fixed by the Company prior to the time of the Customer's enrollment; (4) a program fee, no lower than five percent (5%) and no greater than ten percent (10%) to be established prior to each program year at the discretion of the Company; and (5) sales taxes and franchise fees. For billing purposes, this calculated monthly total amount will be shown on the Customer's bill as a lump sum amount.

4. Early Termination Provisions. In the event the Customer's WinterGuard Billing Option agreement terminates for reasons described in the Definitions and Conditions section of this WinterGuard Billing Option or by a Customer cancellation request, prior to the end of the established contract term, the Customer shall be billed as follows: (1) Customer will be subject to a fifty-dollar (\$50.00) cancellation fee to cover administrative costs for any early termination of the WinterGuard Billing Option and (2) Customers who decide to cancel the WinterGuard Billing Option agreement must provide the Company written notice of cancellation. The Customer will be responsible for payment of service billed to the date of cancellation under the WinterGuard program. For Customers that discontinue their natural gas service or transfer their natural gas service to another address, the Customer will be responsible for the payment for actual days of service under the WinterGuard Billing Option based upon the discontinuance or transfer date. The payment amount will be determined by dividing the actual WinterGuard Billing Option days in that month by the total number of days in that month, and then multiplying that amount by the monthly WinterGuard Billing Option amount for that Customer.

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### 5. Definitions and Conditions.

a. The WinterGuard Billing Option is available:

(1) to a Qualified Customer, as defined herein, at the Customer's current premises for the twelve consecutive billing periods following the initiation of this billing option; and

(2) for all natural gas usage during the WinterGuard Billing Option term subject to the conditions described herein.

b. A Qualified Customer is defined as a Customer that has monthly natural gas usage that is sensitive to weather variations according to the algorithms of the computer model applied to gas usage at his/her residence or service address, consumes an amount of natural gas between less than 2,000 ccfs, and qualifies with the other requirements under this billing option.

c. The Company retains the right to terminate the WinterGuard Billing Option and return Customers to their otherwise applicable billing options and rate schedules during or at the conclusion of the term due to a change in an applicable Colorado statute or Colorado Public Utility Commission order, policy or regulation that adversely impacts this program. If this billing option is terminated by the Company for the reasons stated herein, the Customer will not be charged the cancellation fee.

d. A Qualified Customer can be removed without financial recourse against the Company from the WinterGuard Billing Option under this tariff for the following reasons:

(1) Customer has significantly altered customary natural gas usage patterns as further defined herein;

(2) a change in any statute, regulation or a decision or order of a court, agency or other jurisdictional entity that prevents the completion of the twelve (12) month billing period;

(3) Customer is no longer receiving service from the Company at the original premises, either because the Customer has moved from the original premises or has discontinued natural gas service at the original premises;  
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(4) service is discontinued to the Customer for non-payment.

e. Customers enrolling in the WinterGuard Billing Option agree to act in good faith to maintain their customary natural gas usage practices or usage patterns and failure to do so shall be an act of default under the terms of this billing option. Examples of action taken by Customers that could change historic gas usage include, but are not limited to, an increase in furnace and/or water heater settings, increases in Customer living space or addition of new gas appliances. If a Customer's cumulative consumption increases by more than 15% at any time during the program year from his/her historic profile for any reason, other than the impact of weather, the Company has the right, but is not obligated, to remove the Customer from the WinterGuard Billing Option without financial recourse against the Company, and the Customer may be additionally billed for such natural gas usage that exceeds 15% of the Customer's cumulative consumption from his/her historic profile. In all cases, Customers will be removed only after notification and will be given an opportunity to remedy the default.

6. Rules and Regulations. As a condition of the WinterGuard Billing Option hereunder, the Customer agrees to abide by, and is obligated to comply with, the Company's Sales Rate Schedules and General Terms and Conditions, as approved by the Colorado Public Utility Commission from time-to-time, to the extent that they are not in conflict with or inconsistent with the specific provisions of this Billing Option.

### TAXES

All charges for service shall be increased by the taxes or other governmental impositions applicable to such charges.

### FRANCHISE FEES

All charges for service shall be increased by the franchise fees or similar fees applicable to such charges.

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### GAS COST ADJUSTMENT - UNIFORM PROCEDURE (cont.)

FSGQ = Forecasted Sales Gas Quantity which is the quantity of gas commodity projected to be sold by the utility during the GCA Effective Period, based upon Normalized, historic quantity of gas commodity sales, adjusted for anticipated changes.

DGCB = Deferred Gas Cost Balance which is the total amount in the utility's Account No. 191, adjusted for interest accrued, that is to be amortized by the utility over the GCA Effective Period.

BGC = Base Gas Cost which is the rate component, expressed in mills (\$0.001) per Mcf or Dth, used in the calculation of the GCA Rate which reflects the cost of gas commodity and Upstream Services included in the utility's Base Rates for sales gas and gas transportation service.

Forecasted Gas Purchase Quantity is the quantity of gas commodity the utility anticipates it will purchase during the GCA Effective Period, based upon the Forecasted Sales Quantity, adjusted for system gas loss, use, or other anticipated variances.

Forecasted Market Paces is Index Prices, fixed prices or other gas contracting price options used in calculation of the Forecast Gas Commodity Cost.

GCA Effective Period is the 12-month period of time beginning October 1 the GCA rate is intended to be in effect.

Index Price is a published figure identifying a representative price of gas commodity available in a geographic area during a specified time interval (i.e., daily, weekly, or monthly).

For purposes of gas sold by the Company during the period through June 30, 2005, the total gas costs as calculated and defined in this Section (d) above may include all prudently incurred costs forecasted or actually incurred and revenues forecasted or actually received by the Company in connection with establishing a price collar with financial derivative instruments, undertaken to limit price volatility with respect to gas purchased for distribution to the Company's Colorado ratepayers. The Current Gas Cost and Deferred Gas Cost as calculated and referred to in this Section (c) may also include all prudently incurred costs from any excess gas supply that is acquired and hedged for the WinterGuard Billing Option program (if applicable) due to a lower initial enrollment in the WinterGuard Billing Option or due to early termination by customers during the WinterGuard program year. Any such gas supplies will be included in the GCA gas supply portfolio at the total purchased cost including hedging costs. These gas supplies will be included in lieu of other gas purchases which may become unnecessary as a result of this program.

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### GAS COST ADJUSTMENT - UNIFORM PROCEDURE (cont.)

Once a price collar has been established for specific volumes and for a specific time period, each instrument executed to achieve the price collar will be held from establishment until expiration.

The Company shall maintain records to provide a full accounting for and details of its hedging program for the Commission's review. The Company shall be subject to audit and prudence review of its hedging activities under applicable law and the Rules of the Commission, as they may be in effect from time-to-time.

Gas purchased pursuant to these GCA provisions must be delivered to customers by June 30, 2006 to be eligible for inclusion in the Company's Actual Gas Costs. All gas purchasing and price hedging costs associated with the activities provided for herein, must be recorded in the company's accounting books and records by June 30, 2006. Such costs must be proposed for recovery in the annual Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) filing to be effective each November 1, through 2006.

This tariff provision shall not apply to any price hedging activity undertaken after June 30, 2006. Gas price risk management costs incurred as a result of activities conducted under the authority of these tariff provisions shall be excluded from the definition of Actual Gas Costs effective July 1, 2006, unless the Commission, by subsequent order, approves the continued inclusion of these costs.

(e) Interest on Under- or Over-Recovery:

Interest accrued on over-recovered and under-recovered gas costs recorded in Account 191 shall be calculated at a rate equal to the Commission authorized customer deposit rate for gas utilities for that applicable month. A running total of interest will be maintained on both under-recovered and over-recovered amounts. If the net total interest is positive, it will be excluded from the calculation of the Deferred Gas Cost when computing the new GCA rate.