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NATURAL GAS RATES

Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)/Low Income Program

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All sales rate schedules for natural gas service, with the exception of Public Authority, are subject to a Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP) surcharge designed to recover costs associated with the Low Income Program in accordance with the Gas Service Low Income Program Rule 4412 of the Commission's Rules Regulating Gas Utilities and Pipeline Operators, 4 Code of Colorado Regulations 723-4 ("Low Income Program Rules"). The PIPP shall apply as a monthly fixed surcharge fee for all residential, commercial and irrigation customers.

PIPP Program Filing

The PIPP program provides energy assistance to eligible low income residential customers.

Program components addressed by the Company are as follows:

- 1) Integration with existing low income Demand Side Management Program (DSM);
- 2) Integration with existing weatherization programs offered by the state of Colorado or other entities;
- 3) Integration with the Colorado Low-Income Energy Assistance Program ("LEAP") or other existing low-income energy assistance programs; and
- 4) Consideration of arrearage forgiveness for participants who enter the PIPP Program.

On or before March 1 of each year, Staff of the Commission shall compute household income levels for households containing different numbers of persons for Phase I, II and III eligibility by using the most recent federal poverty level guidelines for households of different sizes. On or before April 1 of each year, the Commission shall send a letter to the Company stating the new poverty level guidelines. On or before July 1 of each year, the Company shall file an advice letter or application revising its tariffs to show the same current Phase I, II and III income eligibility thresholds.

Phase I: July 1, 2012 – September 30, 2013

An Interim Low Income Program Surcharge was approved by Decision C12-0694 and became effective on July 1, 2012. Cost recovery was fixed at \$0.25 per month.

Phase II: October 1, 2013 – September 30, 2014

Eligible participants are limited to those with a household income at or below one hundred fifty percent of the current federal poverty level during the second year of operation of the program. Cost recovery from non-participants will be no more than \$0.28 per month.

Phase III: October 1, 2014 – September 30, 2015

Eligible participants are limited to those with a household income at or below one hundred eighty-five percent of the current federal poverty level during the third and subsequent years of operation of the program. Cost recovery from non-participants will be no more than \$0.315 per month.

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NATURAL GAS RATES

Percentage of Income Payment Plan (PIPP)/Low Income Program (continued)

Customer Participation and Eligibility

Under Rule 4412, Customer participation is dependent upon the following guidelines:

- 1) Customers participating in the PIPP program must apply for and be eligible for LEAP assistance. LEAP is a federally funded program administered by the Colorado Department of Human Service ("CDHS"). LEAP customers are determined to be eligible for benefits by CDHS during the Department's most current or most recently closed six month period between November 1 and April 30.
- 2) Once a customer is determined to be eligible for LEAP by the State and has authorized CDHS to release household data necessary to calculate eligibility for and benefits of PIPP participation, the Company will send out a mailing notification of expected personalized PIPP benefits for all eligible participants along with an enrollment form requiring the LEAP customer to elect to opt in to the PIPP. The enrollment form must be returned to Company.
- 3) Participants of the PIPP are approved based on income eligibility phase-in schedule as reflected under Rule 4412 (c)(II)(B). PIPP Credits will be offset by LEAP payments received by the Company on behalf of LEAP participants.
- 4) Eligible PIPP customer benefits will be calculated using the prior 12 months regulated billing for their premise and the customer's gross monthly household income as compared to the Federal Poverty Level for the appropriate number of household occupants as supplied by CDHS to Company.
- 5) Upon determining the customer's eligibility, their maximum affordable annual bill amount will be calculated based on 12 times the appropriate percent of the gross monthly household income.
- 6) This maximum affordable annual bill amount will be subtracted from the estimated annual bill with the difference identified as the unaffordable portion of the customer's annual estimated bills. This unaffordable portion of the customer's annual estimated will be divided by 12 to create the fixed monthly PIPP bill credit.
- 7) Upon receipt of LEAP payment for the PIPP participating customer, the payment will be divided by the amount of the fixed monthly PIPP bill credit to determine the number of months the LEAP will be offsetting the fixed monthly PIPP bill credit.
- 8) Once determined, an offsetting fixed monthly PIPP debit will be assigned to the customer's account eliminating the fixed monthly PIPP credit and allowing the LEAP payment to be applied in its entirety to the customer's account.
- 9) The Company requires all PIPP participants, unless infeasible, to be enrolled in the Company's Levelized Budget Billing Program.

- 10) The Company requires all PIPP participants, unless they are renters and circumstances are beyond their individual control, to participate in low income energy efficiency programs provided by Company Demand Side Management Program or state-authorized weatherization agency.

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- 11) The Company will do a one-time forgiveness of total arrearages for customers newly enrolled in PIPP. Arrearage is defined as the current past due amount appearing on their account as of the date on which a participant newly enters the program. Total arrearage amounts will be submitted as a recoverable program cost.
- 12) Once established as a PIPP participant, participants must reapply and meet eligibility criteria to remain in the PIPP program. The deadline to reapply and meet eligibility requirements is 12 months after the original application was accepted. If the participant fails to reapply before the end of the 12 month deadline or no longer meets the eligibility requirements, the participant will be removed from the PIPP program. Reapplication to participate in PIPP will be subject to the stated enrollment process.
- 13) Participants that fail to make monthly bill payments will be subject to normal collection procedures.

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NATURAL GAS RATES
Cost Adjustment & Rate Component Summary

All volumetric rates at \$ per CCF

<u>Class/Sheet No.</u>	<u>Type of Charge</u>	<u>NE</u>	<u>NW/C</u>	<u>SE</u>	<u>SW</u>	
Residential						
15	Facilities Charge	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	\$10.00	
	PIPP	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.28	(N, N, N, N)
	AMIS	(\$0.08)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.08)	(\$0.08)	
	Gas DSMCA	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45	\$0.45	
	Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA):					
	Commodity	\$0.40110	\$0.42660	\$0.40330	\$0.41900	
	Upstream Pipeline	0.19460	0.15060	0.11820	0.03550	
	Deferred Gas Cost	<u>(0.07610)</u>	<u>(0.06470)</u>	<u>(0.04850)</u>	<u>(0.08750)</u>	
	Total GCA	\$0.51960	\$0.51250	\$0.47300	\$0.36700	
	Distribution System Rate	0.14385	0.14385	0.14385	0.14385	
	Volumetric DSMCA	<u>0.00642</u>	<u>0.00642</u>	<u>0.00642</u>	<u>0.00642</u>	
	Total volumetric rate for class	<u>\$0.66987</u>	<u>\$0.66277</u>	<u>\$0.062327</u>	<u>\$0.051727</u>	
Small Commercial, Commercial & Public Authority						
15	Facilities Charge	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	\$24.00	
	PIPP	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.28	(N, N, N, N)
	AMIS	(\$0.26)	(\$0.26)	(\$0.26)	(\$0.26)	
	Gas DSMCA	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.12	\$0.12	
	Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA):					
	Commodity	\$0.40110	\$0.42660	\$0.40330	\$0.41900	
	Upstream Pipeline	0.19460	0.15060	0.11820	0.03550	
	Deferred Gas Cost	<u>(0.07610)</u>	<u>(0.06470)</u>	<u>(0.04850)</u>	<u>(0.08750)</u>	
	Total GCA	\$0.51960	\$0.51250	\$0.47300	\$0.36700	
	Distribution System Rate	0.11242	0.11242	0.11242	0.11242	
	Volumetric DSMCA	<u>0.00055</u>	<u>0.00055</u>	<u>0.00055</u>	<u>0.00055</u>	
	Total volumetric rate for class	<u>\$0.63257</u>	<u>\$0.62547</u>	<u>\$0.58597</u>	<u>\$0.47997</u>	
Irrigation Service						
17	Facilities Charge	\$40.00	NA	\$40.00	NA	
	PIPP	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.28	\$0.28	(N, N, N, N)
	Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA):					
	Commodity	\$0.40110	NA	\$0.40330	NA	
	Upstream Pipeline	0.19460		0.11820		
	Deferred Gas Cost	<u>(0.07610)</u>		<u>(0.04850)</u>		
	Total GCA	\$0.51960		\$0.47300		
	Distribution System Rate	<u>0.09444</u>		<u>0.09444</u>		
	Total volumetric rate for class	<u>\$0.61404</u>		<u>\$0.56774</u>		

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