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Section 1. Definitions

- (a) "Multiple occupancy building" shall mean any building which contains more than one residential or commercial unit.
- (b) "New multiple occupancy building" shall mean any building for which the physical labor involved in the erection of such building started on or after June 13, 1980.
- (c) "Existing multiple occupancy building" shall mean any building for which the physical labor involved in the erection of such building started before June 13, 1980.
- (d) "Mobile home court or trailer park" shall mean any such mobile home courts or trailer parks in which residence is predominantly either permanent or long term, and shall not include mobile home courts or trailer parks in which residency is highly transient, such as campgrounds for recreational vehicles or trailers used for recreation or vacations.
- (e) "New mobile home courts or trailer parks" shall mean such courts or parks, for which the physical labor involved in the construction commenced on or after June 13, 1980.
- (f) "Existing mobile home courts or trailer parks" shall mean such courts or parks, for which the physical labor involved in the construction commenced before June 13, 1980.
- (g) "Master metered service" shall mean gas service provided to more than one residential or commercial unit through a single meter.
- (h) "Individually metered service" shall mean gas service provided to one residential or commercial unit through a single meter which serves that unit only and no other unit.
- (i) "Company" shall mean Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

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Section 2. Applicability

Natural gas service to new multiple occupancy buildings and mobile home courts or trailer parks shall be provided as individually metered service only unless specifically exempted by one or more of the provisions contained in Section 3 below.

Section 3. Exceptions

- (a) Residential multiple occupancy buildings consisting of no more than two units, one of which is owner occupied, may be served by one master meter.
- (b) The following multiple occupancy buildings or facilities may be served by master meter:
 - (i) Hospitals
 - (ii) Nursing or convalescent homes
 - (iii) Transient hotels or motels
 - (iv) Dormitories
 - (v) Campgrounds
 - (vi) Residential facilities of a transient nature
- (c) Existing multiple occupancy buildings (construction of which commenced before June 13, 1980) which are presently receiving master metered gas service may continue to be served on a master metered basis.
- (d) Master metered gas service provided for central heating or cooling systems, central ventilating systems or for central hot water heating systems.
- (e) Service to multiple occupancy buildings constructed, owned or operated with funds appropriated through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, or any other federal or state government agency, shall be served by individual meters. If such individual metering requirement is inconsistent with regulations promulgated by such department or agency, service on a master metered basis is allowed.

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- (f) Existing mobile home courts and trailer parks may continue to be served on a master metered basis, subject to Section 5 of this tariff.

Section 4. Remodeling and Renovation

Where there is an existing multiple occupancy building receiving master metered gas service which is substantially remodeled or renovated for continued use as a multiple occupancy building, for which the physical labor for remodeling or renovation is begun after June 13, 1980, gas service to the units after completion of the remodeling or renovation shall be on an individual metered basis, unless the owner of such building demonstrates to the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission that such conversion would be impractical, uneconomical or unfeasible, and the owner of such building provides the Company with evidence of the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission decision.

Section 5. Owner or Operator Charge for Gas Service

- (a) Gas service to an existing master metered multiple occupancy building, if not otherwise prohibited by this tariff, shall be provided only upon condition that charges for gas made by the owner or operator to each tenant or occupant shall be equal to each tenant's or occupant's pro rata share of the total amount charged to the owner or operator by the Company in proportion to the ratio of the total square foot floor area of the building.
- (b) Gas service to an existing master metered mobile home court or trailer park shall be provided only upon condition that charges for gas made by the owner or operator of such court or park to each tenant or occupant shall be equal to such tenant's or occupant's pro rata share of the total amount charged to the owner by the Company in proportion to the ratio of the square foot floor area of each tenant's or occupant's unit to the total square foot floor area of the mobile home court or trailer park.

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Section 6. Variation

Any variation from the above rules will only be made after the owner or operator provides evidence of South Dakota Public Utilities Commission approval of such variation.

All other rules and regulations of Montana-Dakota which govern gas service in South Dakota and which do not conflict with the provisions of this rule shall apply to gas service provided to new and existing buildings which are subject to this rule. The customer is responsible for ascertaining and complying with all applicable rules and regulations of any governmental authority having jurisdiction over the subject matter of this rule.

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