

# Public Service Commission of Montana



**Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.**

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Bismarck, ND 58501

## Natural Gas Service

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#### Availability and Applicability of Service:

In all communities served for all interruptible general gas service customers whose interruptible natural gas requirements will exceed 100,000 dk annually as metered at a single delivery point. The rates herein are applicable only to customer's interruptible load. Customer's firm natural gas requirements must be separately metered or specified in a firm service agreement. Customer's firm load shall be treated and billed in accordance with the provisions of Firm General Gas Service Rate 70. For interruption purposes, the maximum daily firm requirement shall be set forth in the firm service agreement. The Company reserves the right to refuse the initiation of service under this rate schedule based on the availability of gas supply.

#### Rate:

Basic Service Charge:	\$567.25 per month	
Distribution Delivery Charge:	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Minimum</u>
	\$0.582 per dk	\$0.050 per dk
Cost of Gas:	Determined Monthly - See Rate Summary Sheet for Current Rate	

#### Minimum Bill:

Basic Service Charge.

#### Payment:

Billed amounts will be considered past due if not paid by the due date shown on the bill. Past due bills are subject to a late payment charge in accordance with the provisions of Rate 100, §V.13, or any amendments or alterations thereto.

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#### Adjustment Clauses:

Bills are subject to the following adjustments or any amendments or alterations thereto:

1. Gas Tax Tracking Adjustment Rate 87
2. Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Procedure Rate 88
3. Universal System Benefits Charge Rate 89

#### General Terms and Conditions:

1. **PRIORITY OF SERVICE** - Deliveries of gas under this schedule shall be subject at all times to the prior demands of customers served on the Company's firm gas service rates. Customers taking service hereunder agree that the Company, without prior notice, shall have the right to curtail or interrupt such service whenever, in the Company's sole judgment, it may be necessary to do so to protect the interest of its customers whose capacity requirements are otherwise and hereby given preference. The priority of service and allocation of capacity shall be accomplished in accordance with Rate 100, §V.10.
2. **STANDBY REQUIREMENTS:**
  - a. If Company-approved equipment and fuel for standby service is not installed and maintained, the Company, in its discretion, may install automatic shut-off equipment in order to allow for the interruption of natural gas supply. The cost of the equipment and its installation shall be paid for by customer. The cost shall be the current market price for such equipment including the current installation costs. Such contribution in aid, as adjusted for federal and state income taxes, must be paid prior to the installation of such equipment unless otherwise agreed to by the Company. Such equipment will be maintained by the Company and will remain the sole property of the Company. The Company may remove such equipment when service hereunder is terminated.

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- b. Customer shall pay all charges for continuous electric and telephone service associated with the Company's connection of automatic shut-off equipment, and any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.
  - c. Customer's firm load must be separately metered if Company-approved equipment and fuel for standby service is not installed and maintained.
3. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO CURTAIL OR INTERRUPT - If customer fails to curtail or interrupt their use of gas hereunder when requested to do so by the Company, any gas taken shall be billed at the charges applicable under Firm General Gas Service Rate 70 (excluding the Basic Service Charge), plus either an amount equal to any penalty payments or overrun charges the Company is required to make to its interconnecting pipeline(s) under the terms of its contract(s) as a result of such failure to curtail or interrupt, or \$50.00 per dk of gas used in excess of the volume of gas to which customer was requested to curtail or interrupt, whichever amount is greater. The Company, in its discretion, may shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of customer's failure to curtail or interrupt use of gas when requested to do so by the Company.
4. AGREEMENT - Upon request of the Company, customer may be required to enter into an agreement for service hereunder. If mutually agreed to by the Company and customer, the term of service reflected in such agreement may be amended. Upon expiration of service, customer may apply for and receive, at the sole discretion of the Company, gas service under another appropriate rate schedule for customer's operations.

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5. OBLIGATION TO NOTIFY THE COMPANY OF CHANGE IN DAILY OPERATIONS - Customer will be required as specified in the service agreement to notify the Company of an anticipated change in daily operations. Failure to comply with requirements specified in the service agreement may result in the assessment of penalties to customer equal to the penalty amounts the Company must pay to the interconnecting pipeline caused by customer's action.
  
6. METERING REQUIREMENTS:
  - a. Remote data acquisition equipment (telemetry equipment) required by the Company for a single customer installation for daily measurement will be purchased and installed by the Company prior to the initiation of service hereunder.
  
  - b. Customer may be required, upon consultation with the Company, to contribute towards additional metering equipment necessary for daily measurement by the Company, depending on the location of the customer to the Company's network facilities. Enhancements and/or modifications to these services may be required to ensure equipment functionality. Such enhancements or modifications shall be completed at the direction of the Company with all associated costs the customer's responsibility. Any interruption in such services must be promptly remedied or service under this tariff will be suspended until satisfactory corrections have been made.
  
  - c. Consultation between the customer and the Company regarding telemetry requirements shall occur prior to execution of the required service agreement.
  
7. RULES - The foregoing schedule is subject to Rates 100 -124 and any amendments or alterations thereto or additional rules and regulations promulgated by the Company under the laws of the state.

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