



# Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

400 N 4<sup>th</sup> Street  
Bismarck, ND 58501

## State of Wyoming Gas Rate Schedule

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### BALANCED BILLING PLAN Rate 125

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#### 1. SCOPE

- A. The Balanced Billing Plan (Plan) provides gas customers with a method of paying for gas usage to avoid the highs and lows associated with normal monthly billing. The customer's monthly bill is computed by taking an average of the usage during the previous twelve months'. Current energy rates are then applied to this average monthly usage to calculate the current payment due. Qualified customers with less than 12 month's history at their current premises are also allowed to enroll in the Plan.
- B. Monthly bills rendered under this Plan, as indicated in Paragraph A. above, will be based upon a moving average consumption and will normally change each month. The moving average will change slightly each month and thus appropriate dollar adjustments will be made to the billed amount each month.
- C. The provisions of this Plan are applicable to all residential customers and to certain nonresidential gas customers served. Accordingly, the following nonresidential customers do not qualify for this Plan:
  - 1. Industrial, municipal, or inter-departmental gas customers.
  - 2. Combination customers who have electric demand meters – neither the gas nor electric usage qualifies for the Plan.
  - 3. Interruptible or otherwise controlled customers.
  - 4. Seasonal, short-term or temporary customers.
  - 5. Customers whose accounts are delinquent and who have not entered into a deferred payment agreement.
  - 6. Customers whose usage patterns are not sufficiently predictable so as to permit estimation on an annual basis with a reasonable degree of certainty.

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#### 2. PROCEDURE

- A. Customers must contact the Company to request enrollment in the Balanced Billing Plan.
- B. If the customer's account is current and otherwise qualifies for enrollment in the Plan as provided in Section 1.C., the customer will be so informed at the time of customer's request and the customer's account record in the Customer Information System will be so coded.
- C. As indicated in Section 1.C.5., customers who are delinquent cannot qualify for the Plan unless they are able to pay any amounts past due or enter into a deferred payment agreement with the Company. The customer agrees to pay a reasonable fixed amount each month in addition to the Balanced Billing Plan payment amount until such arrears are paid in full.
- D. Customers enrolled in the Plan will continue to be billed under the Plan provisions until they request removal or they are sixty days in arrears and are removed from the Plan by the Company.
- E. If a customer desires to be removed from the Plan, the customer must contact the Company to request withdrawal from the Plan. Removal from plan will be effective following contact regarding withdrawal. Upon such removal the total unpaid balance becomes due at the next billing cycle. If a credit balance exists it may be refunded or applied to the next cycle billing, at the customer's discretion.
- F. If a customer is removed from the Plan due to delinquency as indicated above, the total unpaid balance in their account becomes due and payable.

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