

CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Mississippi Gas (Formerly CenterPoint Energy Extex, a Division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.)

(Name of Utility Organization or Other Serving Agency)

MISSISSIPPI DIVISION

(Rate Area to Which Schedule is Applicable)

TYPE UTILITY SERVICE **Gas**

(Electric, Gas, Telephone, Water, Sewer)

CLASS OF SERVICE **Residential**

(Residential, Commercial, Industrial, Rural)

Mississippi
Public Service Commission

P. S. C. SCHEDULE NUMBER Rider LBP

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SCHEDULE NO. _____ DATE ISSUED

SCHEDULE CONSISTS OF 3 SHEETS

**LEVELIZED BILLING PROGRAM
RIDER LBP**

AVAILABILITY

This Rider is available in Mississippi for CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp. d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Mississippi Gas (herein "Company") to any Qualifying Customer of the Company as defined below.

APPLICATION & DEFINED TERMS

Under the provisions of this Rider, certain residential customers have the option of participating in the Company's Levelized Billing Program ("LBP") as an alternative to the Company's normal billing procedure.

For purposes of this Rider, the following defined terms shall apply:

(i) "Normal Bill" is an amount computed using the Company's applicable residential rate schedule for service provided to a customer during a billing month.

(ii) "Qualifying Customer" shall mean a residential customer of the Company who has not had gas services suspended for non-payment and has not had a "Past Due" notice issued on an account during the immediately preceding twelve-month period.

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ENROLLMENT

Application for enrollment in the LBP may be made at any Company office, by telephone, or by mail. Enrollment may be made at any time of the year. The Qualifying Customer's account balance must be paid in total before the Qualifying Customer is enrolled in the LBP. A Qualifying Customer's participation, once begun, shall continue from year to year until terminated in the manner provided below.

OPERATION

A. Computation of Bills under the LBP

Under the LBP, the Qualifying Customer shall receive a monthly "Average Bill" computed as follows:

The sum of the following components divided by twelve and rounded to the nearest dollar:

- (1) the Qualifying Customer's current Normal Bill; plus
- (2) the Qualifying Customer's previous eleven Normal Bills; plus
- (3) the Qualifying Customer's accumulated deferred balance (\$ 0 in first month of LBP).

The amount of the Average Bill and the Normal Bill will appear on the Qualifying Customer's monthly billing statement. The cumulative difference between Normal Bills which have been deferred and the Average Bills rendered under the LBP will be carried in a deferred balance that will accumulate both debit and credit differences.

In such instances where sufficient billing history is not available, a twelve-month billing history will be estimated by the Company. The estimated history will be based on actual billings for those months in which actual billing data is available and estimated based on the service address or a similar location for those months in which actual billing is unavailable.

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B. Effect of LBP on other Tariff Provisions

Except as modified herein, participation in the LBP will have no effect on the Company's approved rate schedules or other billing charges used to calculate the Qualifying Customer's Normal Bill. Participation in the LBP shall have no effect on any other term or condition for providing service contained in the Company's tariffs, including those provisions relating to termination or suspension of service.

C. Effect of Customer Discontinuance of LBP or Termination or Suspension of Service

The Qualifying Customer may discontinue the LBP at any time by notifying the Company. If a Qualifying Customer requests discontinuance of the LBP, if an account is final billed, or if the service is suspended by the Company as a result of past due amounts on an account, any outstanding balance owed the Company at the time, including any differences between billings under the LBP and Normal Bills which would have been rendered under normal billing procedures, shall be immediately due and payable. Likewise, any credit due customer shall be applied to the next bill or refunded, as appropriate.