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Louisiana Large Commercial – Optional Fixed Gas Cost Rate Schedule No. LCS-2

AVAILABILITY:

This schedule is available to any individually metered commercial customer on the Company's system consuming more than 10,000 Mcf during the preceding or succeeding twelve (12) months, respectively, and who has executed a current Fixed Gas Cost Sales Service Agreement with the Company. Commercial customers are defined as customers engaged primarily in the sale of goods or services including institutions and local and federal government agencies for uses other than those involving manufacturing or electrical power generation except for on-site consumption. This includes service to offices, schools, colleges, churches, hospitals and other establishments of a commercial nature, and also includes service at a single meter for use by multiple customers in such installations as apartment houses and complexes, hotels, and mobile home parks. Service is not available under this tariff for resale to others or for standby service.

NET MONTHLY RATE:

The Company shall base the price available under this schedule on the price currently approved for the Louisiana Large Commercial – Firm Service Tariff (Rate Schedule No. LSC-1) except that the gas supply portion of the rate shall be based on the cost of gas supplies purchased to provide service under this schedule, plus an administrative service fee of not greater than \$0.015 per Ccf. The cost and volumes of gas supplies purchased to provide service under this schedule shall not be included in the "Cost of Gas to be Sold" or the "Gross Supply Volume" of the "Cost of Gas Adjustment and Surcharge Procedure" calculations.

FIXED GAS COST SALES SERVICE AGREEMENT:

In order to qualify for service under this schedule, the Commercial Customer must execute a Fixed Gas Cost Sales Service Agreement with the Company. The Company will notify all eligible Commercial Customers of the price, effective dates, and election deadline for the upcoming Fixed Gas Cost Sales Agreement as soon as practical prior to the effective date. Those eligible Commercial Customers who elect to execute a Fixed Gas Cost Sales Service Agreement prior to the election deadline will be eligible for service under this schedule, and the election will be binding for the term of the Fixed Gas Cost Price Sales Service Agreement.

TERMS OF PAYMENT:

The net monthly bill is payable within twenty days from the date of the bill. If the bill is not paid within this period, an additional amount of five percent (5%) shall be added.

GAS SUPPLY RATE:

The cost of natural gas purchased for resale will be flowed through to customers in accordance with the rules, regulations, practices and procedures of the Louisiana Public Service Commission regarding cost of gas adjustment clause mechanisms.

APPLICABLE TAXES:

In addition to the payments provided for above, the customer shall reimburse the Company for the customer's proportionate part of any payments made to any governmental authority covering any tax, charge, impost, assessment, license or fee paid under any law, ordinance or agreement and any increase in the rate of any such tax, charge, impost, assessment or fee (except for any such tax, charge, impost, assessment, license or fee that is recovered by the Company through its tariffed rates) imposed against the Company or which directly affects the Company's cost of operations pursuant to LPSC General Order dated October 18, 1988.

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To reflect any changes in the payments made to any governmental authority covering any such tax, charge, impost, assessment, license or fee (except for any such tax, charge, impost, assessment, license or fee that is recovered by the Company through its tariffed rates) in effect on July 29, 2004, the billing hereunder may be increased or decreased by an appropriate percentage adjustment sufficient to adjust for the change or changes in the aforementioned taxes, charges, impost, assessment, license or fees above or below the July 29, 2004 level pursuant to LPSC General Order dated October 18, 1988.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

The Commission's Rules, Regulations, and General Orders governing utility service and the Company's
Standard Terms and Conditions as presently on file with the Commission, as the same may from time to
time be changed in accordance with law, shall apply to service under this tariff.

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