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**SMALL VOLUME DUAL FUEL SALES SERVICE****Availability:**

Small Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service is available to commercial and industrial customers on an interruptible basis with requirements of 25 Therms an hour or more and peak day requirements are less than 2,000 Therms.

Customers that use, for reasons of price, an alternative energy supply (other than biomass energy) shall be limited to gas service under the Market Rate Service Rider for a period of one (1) year.

**Rate:**

ANNUAL USAGE	MONTHLY BASIC CHARGE	DELIVERY CHARGE PER THERM	COST OF GAS PER THERM
Less than 120,000 Therms	\$55.50	\$0.12421	\$0.30026
Greater than or equal to 120,000 Therms	\$88.50	\$0.11497	\$0.30026

**Interim Surcharge**

Effective January 1, 2020, customers' bills will be increased on an interim basis by 13.7% on the monthly basic charge, the GAP charge, and the delivery charge per therm. Any sales tax and franchise fees will be calculated on the increased bill. If the total amount of the rate increase approved at the end of the rate case (Docket G-008/GR-19-524) is lower than the total amount of the interim rates collected, the Company will refund the difference with interest, and if the total amount of the final rates are higher than the total amount of interim rates, the Company will not charge the customer for the difference.

**Therm Factor Adjustment:**

Customer metered usage will be adjusted to reflect the following: 1,000 Btu per cubic foot, base pressure of 14.73 PSIA, and a gas temperature of 60 degrees Fahrenheit.

**Special Conditions:**

- 1) Customer must have and maintain adequate standby facilities and have available sufficient fuel supplies to maintain operations during periods of curtailment. Customer further agrees to curtail the use of gas on one (1) hour's notice when requested by CenterPoint Energy. On an annual basis, the customer shall provide an annual attestation to CenterPoint Energy that it has fully functioning back-up equipment and/or the ability to curtail natural gas use when requested. The operation and functionality of the back-up equipment is the sole responsibility of the interruptible customer. Failure to maintain this equipment or failure to curtail represents a breach of the terms of interruptible service and may result in termination of the service contract.
- 2) If a customer fails to discontinue use of gas within one hour of being requested to do so by CenterPoint Energy, the customer will be deemed to have taken Unauthorized Gas. The penalty for unauthorized use of gas will be:
  - a) For the first occurrence of the gas year: the prevailing delivery charge plus the highest incremental supply cost for the day plus \$3.00 per Therm.
  - b) For subsequent occurrences: the prevailing delivery charge plus the highest incremental supply cost for the day plus \$6.00 per Therm.

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**SMALL VOLUME DUAL FUEL SALES SERVICE (CONTINUED)****Special Conditions (continued):**

For purposes of this provision, the gas year is the twelve month period beginning November 1 each year.

Further, CenterPoint Energy shall have the right to shut off customer's supply of gas in the event of failure to discontinue use after being requested to do so.

- 3) Customers who purchase gas for use in their own compressor facilities for compressed natural gas motor fuel must have a dual fuel burning capability for fleet vehicles using compressed natural gas, and must have the ability to curtail the use of gas for this purpose on one (1) hour's notice when required to do so by CenterPoint Energy.
- 4) Customers must maintain three (3) current contacts to receive notice of curtailment. If the customer does not have three qualified contacts, the customer shall provide an annual attestation to CenterPoint Energy that it is unable to have three qualified contacts and the customer understands they are required to curtail service when requested. The Company will make an annual request that customers confirm that contact information.
- 5) Customer is responsible for reimbursing CenterPoint Energy for all incremental on-site plant investments, including telemetry equipment, required by CenterPoint Energy for providing service to the customer. This investment shall remain the property of CenterPoint Energy.

**Due Date:**

The due date printed on customer bills will not be more than five days before the next scheduled billing date. However, customers who have selected the AutoPay option may select a due date which is greater than five days before the next scheduled billing date.

**Late Payment Charge:**

Delinquent amounts are subject to a late payment charge of 1.5% or \$1.00, whichever is greater. No late payment charge will be applied if the delinquent amount is \$10.00 or less.

All payments received will be credited against the oldest outstanding account balance before application of any late payment charge. The late payment charge will be assessed on unpaid amounts at the next scheduled billing date.

**Franchise Fee:**

A franchise fee will be added to the monthly bill computed at this rate schedule for those communities that impose a franchise fee.

**Purchased Gas Adjustment Rider:**

The above rate is subject to the Purchased Gas Adjustment Rider at Section V, Page 22. Bills will be automatically increased or decreased as provided in the rate adjustment clause to reflect changes in the cost of purchased gas.

**Conservation Improvement Adjustment Rider:**

All customer bills under this rate are subject to the Conservation Improvement Rider, Section V, Page 13.

**Revenue Decoupling (RD) Rider:**

All customers under this rate are subject to the Revenue Decoupling Rider, Section V, Pages 28-28.a.

**Contract:**

Customers must sign a separate contract for Small Volume Dual Fuel Sales Service to each delivery point, with a minimum contract term of one (1) year.