

STATE OF MISSOURI, PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

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THE EMPIRE DISTRICT GAS COMPANY
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FOR: All Communities and Rural Areas Receiving
Natural Gas Service

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (continued)
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II. ACTUAL COST ADJUSTMENT (ACA) FACTORS

- A. Company shall maintain ACA accounts for each of its North, South, and NW Systems, which shall be credited or debited by the amount of any gas cost recovery revenue in excess of or below the actual cost of natural gas purchased and distributed for sale to customers in each of its Missouri service areas. Included in these ACA accounts will be all TOP, TC, and Pipeline Refunds. Such amounts shall be debited or credited to the ACA account in the month received or paid, and shall include interest as part of the overall ACA interest calculation. If challenged, Company has the burden to prove that all costs included in the ACA were prudently incurred and appropriately allocated to classes.

All similar account balances shall be combined for the computation of the ACA to be filed with the scheduled PGA filing.

Any excess or deficit in total gas cost recovery shall be determined by a monthly comparison of the actual prudently incurred cost of natural gas purchased by Company with the actual authorized as-billed revenues recovered by the Commission-approved PGA. The ACA factors shall include any interest calculated, as defined in Carrying Costs, Sheet No. 56. The ACA factors filed with the Commission shall not include any Company developed amounts related to unbilled revenues or unbilled gas costs.

- B. The amounts of gas cost recovery revenue for each month shall be the product of that month's actual billed Ccf sales and the applicable authorized PGA factor(s) in effect during that same month.
- C. For each twelve (12) month period ending with the August revenue month, the differences resulting from the comparisons described above including any balance or credit for the previous year shall be accumulated to produce a cumulative balance of excess or deficit of gas cost recovery revenue for each of the Company's Systems. ACA factors shall be computed by dividing these cumulative balances by the estimated annualized and normalized sales volumes expected during the next ACA audit period. All actual ACA revenues recovered shall be debited or credited to the appropriate balance of the ACA account and any remaining balance shall be reflected in subsequent ACA factor computations.

Upon request by the Company, Staff, or OPC, and for good cause shown, when an extraordinary event has occurred, supported by affidavit, the Commission may permit the Company to divide the cumulative balances of each System's deficit gas cost recovery revenue (ACA account under-recovery) by estimated sales volumes for an extended period which shall not exceed 5 years.

- D. The Company's system ACA factors shall be rounded to the nearest \$.00001 per Ccf and applied to billings commencing with the scheduled PGA revenue period. These ACA factors shall remain in effect until superseded by a subsequent ACA calculated according to this provision.

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