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B. Refunds (Continued)MISSOURI
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3. The Company will add interest monthly to the balances of refunds received from its suppliers remaining to be distributed to customers. The amount of interest to be added each month shall be computed at the refund interest rate described in paragraph B.4. applied to such refund balance existing on the last day of each month. For each twelve-month refund distribution period, an estimate of the interest to be so added by the Company shall be included in determining the per therm credits to be applied to bills pursuant to Paragraphs 2.a. through 2.e. of this Section B, using the refund interest rate described in paragraph B.4.

4. The refund interest rate shall be equal to the prime bank lending rate as published in The Wall Street Journal less two percentage points. The refund interest rate to be applied to the refund balance at the end of each month shall be equal to the arithmetic average of the refund interest rates in effect on each day during such month. The refund interest rate to be used to make the initial estimate of the interest that will be included in each refund distribution shall be equal to the refund interest rate in effect on the day of the receipt of the supplier refund which results in the accumulation of over \$100,000 in new supplier refunds. At the conclusion of each refund distribution, the refund interest rate used in such distribution shall be reconciled with the actual average refund interest rate in effect for each month during the distribution period.

C. Deferred Purchased Gas Cost Accounts

The Company shall maintain Deferred Purchased Gas Cost Account(s) which shall be credited by the amount of any gas cost revenue recovery in excess of actual purchased gas costs and debited by the amount of any gas cost revenue recovery which is less than said actual purchased gas costs.

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C. Deferred Purchased Gas Cost Accounts (Continued)

1. Such excess or deficiency in total gas cost recovery, for each sales classification (firm other than LVTSS, LVTSS and seasonal and interruptible) and for each transportation classification (firm and basic) shall be determined by a monthly comparison of the actual cost of gas, net of storage injections and withdrawals, as shown on the Company's books and records, exclusive of refunds, for each revenue month to the gas cost revenues recovered for such revenue month.

2. Each component of actual gas cost shall be allocated to the sales and transportation classifications in accordance with the CPGA components described in Paragraph 2 of Section A above relating to each component and based on the volumes sold and/or transported to the applicable customer classification during the twelve month period ending with the September revenue month. The actual costs of propane peak shaving supplies and penalties will be allocated solely to firm sales customers, including LVTSS customers.

3. The amount of gas cost revenues recovered each month for the sales classes shall be the product of the actual therm sales of each sales class and the gas cost revenue recovery components for such sales class. Such revenue recovery component shall be equal to the CPGA applicable to such sales class.

4. The amount of gas cost revenues recovered each month for the transportation classes shall be the product of the actual therms transported and the "Additional Transportation Charges," where applicable, specified in the Company's Large Volume Transportation and Sales Service tariff.

5. The Deferred Purchased Gas Cost Account shall be credited for those revenues received by the Company for the release of pipeline transmission or leased storage capacity to another party other than those revenues which are retained by the Company as described in Section D.1.a. below. Such revenues will be allocated to firm sales, including LVTSS, and firm transportation customers, consistent with the allocation of capacity reservation charges set forth in Section A.2.b.

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6. Carrying costs shall be applied to certain excesses or deficiencies in gas cost recoveries, which such excesses or deficiencies shall comprise a Deferred Carrying Cost Balance ("DCCB"). The excesses or deficiencies to be included in the DCCB, which shall be computed separately for each of the Company's sales classifications, shall be the product of: (a) the difference between the Company's actual annualized unit cost of gas, net of storage injections and withdrawals, and the estimated annualized unit cost of gas factor included in the Company's then most recent PGA filing, and (b) the volumes of gas sold during such month. Each month, carrying costs, at a simple rate of interest equal to the prime bank lending rate (as published in The Wall Street Journal on the first business day of such month), minus one percentage point, shall be credited to sales customers for any excess recoveries of gas costs or credited to the Company for any deficient recoveries of gas costs only when and to the extent that the DCCB exceeds five percent of the Company's average annual level of gas costs for the then three most recent ACA periods.

7. For each twelve-month period ending with the September revenue month, the differences of the comparisons described above including, any carrying costs where applicable, and any balance or credit for the previous year shall be accumulated to produce a cumulative balance of excess or deficiency of gas cost revenue recovery. "Actual Cost Adjustment" (ACA) factors, which shall be included in the Company's Winter PGA filing, as such filing is described in Section E.1, shall be computed by dividing such balances by the applicable estimated sales or transportation volumes during the subsequent twelve-month ended October period for each of the respective sales and transportation classes. Such ACA factors shall remain in effect until superseded by revised ACA factors in the next scheduled Winter PGA filing. All actual ACA revenue recovered shall be debited or credited to the balance of the ACA account as appropriate and any remaining balance shall be reflected in the subsequent ACA computations.

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E. Filing Requirements & Applicability

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1. The Company shall make two scheduled PGA filings each year: A Winter PGA and a Summer PGA. The Winter PGA shall be filed between October 15 and November 4 and the Summer PGA shall be filed between March 15 and April 4.

2. In addition, between the effective dates of the Winter and Summer PGA filings the Company may make an Unscheduled PGA filing provided that at the time of such filing, there is: (a) a projected under recovery in the Company's Deferred Carrying Cost Balance ("DCCB"), as defined in Section C.6., equal to or greater than fifteen percent of the Company's average annual cost of gas for the three most recent ACA periods or (b) a projected over recovery equal to or greater than ten percent of such average gas cost. The projected under or over recovery shall be determined by adding: (1) the actual net over or under recovery amount in the DCCB at the time the Unscheduled PGA filing is made to (2) the estimated DCCB-related over or under recovery amount which, based on the Company's estimated costs at the time of the Unscheduled PGA filing, would otherwise occur in the ensuing monthly period absent the filing. At the time of the Unscheduled PGA Filing the Company may implement Unscheduled PGA Filing Adjustment ("UFA") factors for sales customers other than those customers served under the LVTSS rate schedule in order to recover or refund the DCCB estimated balance at the time of such filing. Separate UFA factors shall be computed for each of the sales classifications by dividing such DCCB for each such classification by the corresponding estimated sales volume for the period of time between the effective date of the UFA factors and the next Summer PGA filing, provided that such factors shall not exceed \$.05 per therm. Such factors shall remain in effect until the next Summer PGA filing. Any DCCB amount existing at the time of the next Winter PGA filing, including interest, shall be included in the determination of the new ACA factors for non-LVTSS sales customers to be effective in such PGA filing.

3. With the exception of the CPGA factor applicable to LVTSS customers, at least ten business days before applying any Purchased Gas Adjustment(s), the Company shall file with the Commission an Adjustment Statement showing:

a. The computation of the revised CPGA, refund, ACA and UFA factors:

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b. A revised PGA Tariff Sheet No. 29 setting forth the rate classes of the Company to which the Purchased Gas Adjustment(s) is to be applied, the net amount per therm, expressed to the nearest .001¢ to be used in computing the Total Purchased Gas Adjustment (sum of CPGA, refund, ACA and UFA) applicable to customers' bills under each rate schedule, and the effective date of such adjustment.

c. The Company shall also file with the Commission, as soon as available, copies of any orders or other pertinent information applicable to the wholesale rate(s) charged the Company by its suppliers. Any supporting material disclosing market-specific information will be designated "Highly Confidential" and will only be made available to the Missouri Public Service Commission or to any party that executes a non-disclosure statement.

4. The resulting increases or decreases in charges for gas service resulting from an increase or decrease in the CPGA, ACA, refund and UFA factors shall be effective on a pro-rata basis beginning with the effective date of the revised Tariff Sheet No. 29, or the effective date provided by paragraph A.5, and shall be fully effective one month thereafter, provided that any such proposed increase or decrease in charges satisfies the terms of Section E hereof.

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