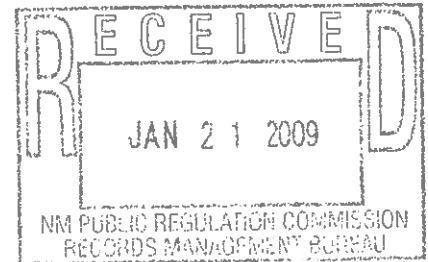


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TARIFF APPLICABILITY

New Mexico Gas Company, is a gas utility operating within the State of New Mexico.

Service under this Tariff is subject to the original jurisdiction of the NMPRC. The Company will provide service to any person or business within its service area in accordance with the prices, terms and conditions provided for in the applicable Rates and Regulations.

RATES

All customers shall be served under Rates filed with the NMPRC. Customers shall be assigned to Rates in accordance with the class of the particular customer, the usage which will be made of the gas and that customer's volume requirements. In the event of a question regarding the customer's classification, it shall be determined by the location of the customer's primary business in the latest edition of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual of the United States Government's Office of Management and Budget.

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply in this Tariff:

- Company: New Mexico Gas Company.
- Regulatory Authority: The New Mexico Public Regulation Commission.
- Applicant: Any person, organization, or group of persons of organizations making a formal request either orally or in writing for gas service from the Company.
- Chronically Delinquent: The status of a residential customer who during the prior twelve months has been disconnected by the Company for nonpayment, or who during the prior twelve months has not paid a bill by the date that a subsequent bill is rendered on three or more occasions.
- Customer: Any person or organization legally responsible for gas service whether used by him or her, or by others.
- Consumer: Any person or organization receiving and using gas from the Company for his or her own appliances or equipment whether or not the gas is billed directly to him or her, or to a second part. (For example, in the case of a rental unit where the utilities are part of the rent, the landlord is a customer and the tenant is a Consumer.)
- Firm Service: Service under any Rate which does not specifically provide for

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interruption of service for load management purposes. Firm service is nevertheless subject to the curtailment provisions of this Tariff.

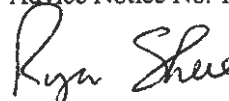
<u>Interruptible Service:</u>	Service under any Rate which specifically provides for interruption of service.
<u>Temporary Service:</u>	Any service which will not be utilized continuously at the same location.
<u>Rate:</u>	A Rate available to all customers of the appropriate class for usages indicated therein.
<u>Alternate or Standby Fuel:</u>	Any fuel used for the purpose of continuing the operation of his equipment during periods of interruption of service by the Company.
<u>Plant Protection Gas:</u>	The minimum gas volume required to prevent physical harm to plant facilities or danger to plant personnel.
<u>Feedstock Gas:</u>	Gas used as raw material for its chemical properties in creating an end product.
<u>Boiler Fuel Gas:</u>	Gas used for boiler fuel to generate steam or hot water regardless of the end use of the steam or hot water.
<u>Average Day Usage:</u>	The demand of a given customer for gas in any one month divided by 30. Demand is considered to be equivalent to consumption during each billing month.
<u>System:</u>	Any group of interconnected pipelines or mains owned and/or operated by the Company and so situated that they will be unaffected by changes in operation of any other such group of facilities.
<u>Restricted Service Areas:</u>	Any service in which additions of Consumers and/or increases in existing usage is restricted by order of the Regulatory Authority.

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