GREAT FALLS NATURAL GAS TARIFF

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Rule No. 3

CONTRACTS AND AGREEMENTS

3.1 Application for Service:

- A. The Company will furnish service to applicants under the filed rates and in accordance with these terms and conditions. The furnishing of service and acceptance by the customer constitutes a contract under these provisions. The Company may require the signing of an application or contract.
- B. A customer requiring the construction of a line extension as designated in "Rule 19", may be required to sign a Service Agreement, whereby gas service is contracted for a period of not less than two (2) years.
- C. Unless the contract specifies otherwise, it shall become operative on the day the customer's installation is connected to the Company's service for the purpose of taking gas and shall continue until canceled by the Company or the Customer.
- D. If a customer terminates service and subsequently requests renewal of service at the same address, the Company may charge the customer the monthly fixed charges not paid during the time of termination. Fixed charges can only be recovered from customers who terminate and renew service at the same address within 12 months and no other customer has taken service in the interim at the address. Rates for all tariffs are based on continuing service and collection of monthly fixed charges at each service location.

