

**Residential Optional Billing Plans  
(Levelized And Equal Pay)**

**I. Purpose**

To provide billing options, in addition to the standard billing, which equalize, to the extent practicable, the monthly amounts to be paid by the Customer during the year.

**II. Availability**

At all points throughout the territory served by the Company to any year-round Customer receiving service under the Company's Small General Service Rate Schedule (G-1) which is either a residence or a church (including service provided on the premises which is directly related to the operation of the church for religious purposes). Customers requesting to be billed under either optional billing plan must have an acceptable credit rating.

**III. Billing Options**

**A. Levelized Billing Option**

The Customer's monthly bill will be computed in accordance with the applicable rate schedule(s) and the Customer's account debited with such amount ("Billed Amount") in the usual manner. The net amount payable for service in the current month ("Levelized Amount") shall equal, to the nearest whole dollar, the average monthly Billed Amount debited to the Customer's account during the twelve (12) months ending with the current month, plus or minus one-twelfth (1/12) of the current balance of the accumulated difference between previous debits and the Levelized Amounts payable under this option.

Where the Customer has less than twelve (12) months' billing history at his present location or the billing history is not representative, estimates of monthly bills may be made solely for determining the month's Levelized Amount.

**B. Equal Pay Option**

1. Customers who apply for the Equal Pay billing option on or after the first billing cycle of May, 2000 will have their Equal Pay amount calculated as follows:

The Customer's monthly bill will be computed in accordance with the applicable rate schedule and the Customer's account will be debited with the Billed Amount. The net amount payable for service for the current month ("Equal Pay Amount") will equal, to the nearest whole dollar, one-twelfth (1/12) of the current and previous eleven (11) months' amounts billed for all metered gas service to the account. During the billing process for the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) month ("Anniversary Month"), and during the billing process for each subsequent Anniversary Month, the Equal Pay Amount will be recalculated. The new Equal Pay Amount for the current and next eleven (11) months will equal one-twelfth (1/12) of the sum of the current and prior eleven (11) months' Billed Amounts plus the current balance of the accumulated difference between the previous twelve (12) months' Billed Amounts and Equal Pay Amounts.

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2. Existing Equal Pay Customers (i.e., those Customers who are being billed on the Equal Pay option prior to the first billing cycle of May, 2000) and Customers who apply for the Equal pay billing option prior to the first billing cycle of May, 2000 will have their monthly Equal Pay amount determined as follows:

The Customer's monthly bill will be computed in accordance with the applicable rate schedule and the Customer's account will be debited by such amount. The Customer's bill will reflect 11 equal monthly payments and one true-up payment in the twelfth month. The net amount payable for service for the current month will equal, to the nearest whole dollar, one-eleventh of the annual amount billed for all services to the account. In the twelfth month, there will be a true-up billing. The true-up billing will be the current month's actual bill plus or minus the total accumulated difference from the prior month.

At the time those Equal Pay Customers defined in B. above reach their anniversary date (twelve months following the month the Customer's current Equal Pay amount was determined), the Customer's Equal Pay amount will be determined as in A. above. At such time that all Equal Pay Customers have been transferred to the currently effective method of calculating the Equal Pay amount, the method of determining the Equal Pay amount described in B. above will no longer be available to any customers.

The Equal Pay Amount may be adjusted in any month in which there is significant variation between the Equal Pay Amount and the current balance of the accumulated difference.

Where Customer has less than twelve (12) months billing history at his present location or the billing history is not representative, estimates of monthly bills may be made solely for determining the monthly equal pay amount.

**IV. Withdrawal**

Customers who voluntarily or involuntarily withdraw from this Optional Billing Plan for any reason will not be eligible for readmission to the Plan until the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) billing month following such withdrawal. The transfer of all or portions of accumulated difference credit balance at the request of the Customer for any reason shall constitute voluntary withdrawal from this Optional Billing Plan.

**V. Termination**

Billing under this plan may be terminated by either party by giving notice to the other, in which event any debit or credit existing in the Customer's account will either be billed to the Customer or refunded, as the case may be at the time. If Customer's billing under this plan is terminated for any reason, Customer is not eligible for this billing option until the seventh (7<sup>th</sup>) billing month following termination.