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GENERAL INFORMATION

7. LIMITATIONS OF SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

7.1 RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Service will be supplied under a residential service classification to any single family residence or apartment occupied as the home, residence or sleeping place of one or more persons, and to any private garage, guest house or similar accessory building located on the same premises and served through the same meter as such residence. Each such private residence shall be served under a separate service agreement through a separate meter.

If any portion of the premises, as described above, is used for business or professional purposes, the applicable residential service classification is available for service to the entire premises only when the use of gas for residential purposes exceeds the use for business or professional purposes.

When a part of a business or professional building or premises is for residential use, service may be taken on the applicable residential service classification for that part of such building or premises entitled to such service if the customer provides the necessary installation so that the service for such portion may be metered separately. Otherwise, the General Service rate will apply to the entire building or premises.

Service also will be supplied under the applicable residential service classification to:

- a) a corporation or association organized and conducted in good faith for religious purposes, where such service is utilized exclusively in connection with such religious purposes;
- b) community residences as defined in subdivision twenty-eight, twenty-eight-a or twenty-eight-b of Section 1.03 of the Mental Hygiene Law, provided that such residences shall be operated by not-for-profit corporations and, if supervisory staff is on site on a twenty-four hour per day basis, that the residence provides living accommodations for fourteen or fewer residents, and provided that service supplied is utilized exclusively at such community residence; or
- c) a post or hall owned or leased by a not-for-profit corporation that is a veterans' organization.

Note: Residential gas service as defined in this section is subject to the restrictions as set forth in Section 11, GAS RESTRICTIONS AND LIMITATIONS.

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7. LIMITATIONS OF SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

7.2 REDISTRIBUTION

Gas service will not be supplied under any service classification of this rate schedule for resale, remetering (or submetering) or other redistribution, except that any customer may furnish gas for use of his tenants provided that the customer shall not resell, or make specific charge for, or remeter (submeter) or measure any of the gas so redistributed or furnished.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and consistent with the Commission's Order in Case 96-G-0454 issued and effective September 19, 1997, landlords may be permitted to submeter commercial and industrial properties, which do not have residential tenants, upon filing of a petition and application with the Commission which, unless otherwise acted upon within 75 days of filing, would be deemed approved at the end of the period. The petition and application must be served upon the Company and all affected tenants and be reiterated in leases with submetered tenants.

Four areas must be sufficiently addressed in the application: (1) safety; (2) rate impact for the ultimate consumer; (3) non-rate consumer protection issues; and (4) service provided and utility matters. The application should include at least the following:

Safety

A landlord petitioning for permission to submeter must ensure that its installation will comply with all applicable codes and regulations. The Company will respond to emergencies or gas leak situations. The application must also contain the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity responsible for repair, safety and maintenance, and affirm that both tenants and the Company will be furnished with this information.

Where the gas pipes will be pressurized at 2.0 psi or above, the submeterer must additionally identify all personnel installing or maintaining the system, and must provide the Company with evidence certifying that those personnel are trained and qualified to work on high-pressure gas piping. The submeterer must also update the evidence whenever new personnel are assigned to perform installation, repair or maintenance.

Rates

The landlord must commit to charge gas rates that do not exceed those tariffed by the Company for similar service. Submetering which results in higher rates than those tariffed for end-users will result in review and denial of an application.

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7. LIMITATIONS OF SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

7.2 REDISTRIBUTION (Cont'd.)

Other Consumer Protection Issues

Measures are also needed to insure that consumer protections are not sacrificed in a submetering installation. Applications must provide for an effective and objective dispute resolution process concerning issues such as termination of services.

Meter accuracy also must be insured. The submeterer must devise and adhere to conditions providing for periodic master meter readings and reconciliation of those readings to the submetered customers' meters. Meters must be calibrated any time they are installed or repaired. Meters must meet accuracy standards; therefore, applications must provide that only meter models approved by the Commission will be installed.

Prior to termination of service to a submetering customer, the Company must seek to inform submetered tenants of the termination -- through posting notices, mailings or any other method the Company believes most likely to reach the greatest number of submetered tenants.

Utility Concerns

If an application for permission to submeter raises a specific concern, such as lost revenue in a conversion from direct metering to submetering, the Company may intervene to request review and propose relief.

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