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**GENERAL INFORMATION**

18. MINIMUM INSULATION STANDARDS FOR EXISTING DWELLINGS  
CONVERTING TO GAS SPACE HEAT

18.1 DEFINITIONS

- (A) Dwelling - A building designed or used as the living unit for one or more families. For the purposes of this standard, mobile homes shall not be considered dwellings.
- (B) Historical Building - Any building or structure designated historically significant by the State or local governing body, or listed (or determined by the Secretary of the Interior to be eligible to be listed) in "The National Register of Historic Places."

18.2 APPLICABILITY AND CONDITIONS

An existing dwelling will not be supplied gas service for the purpose of converting to gas space heat unless:

- (A) The roof/ceiling has at least six inches of insulation or insulation with an R value of 19 or greater;
- (B) The dwelling has storm windows, thermal windows with multiple glazing; and,
- (C) The entrances have storm doors or thermal doors.

18.3 WAIVERS

- (A) The Company may waive the requirements in Section 18.2 where:
  - (1) The applicant for service can establish through two estimates that the purchase price and installation charge (excluding interest charges) will be greater than seven times the anticipated annual savings to be obtained (based on the present cost of the fuel currently used in the building);
  - (2) The dwelling is a historical building; or,
  - (3) Other measures have been taken so that the overall heat loss for the building envelope does not exceed the total heat loss which would result from conformance with the minimum requirements of Section 18.2. Such a heat loss calculation must be certified by a licensed architect or engineer.

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18.3 WAIVERS (Cont'd.)

- (B) In the case of a dwelling having a flat roof or having four or more stories, and converting to gas service in a temperature controlled service classification, compliance with the roof insulation standard will not be required if four or more inches of insulation are already in place or if insulation can be installed only by means of cutting an opening in the roof.
- (C) In the case of a dwelling having six or more stories, storm windows will not be required as long as the Company certifies that the dwelling's windows are caulked and weatherstripped. This certification shall be made in writing to the Commission. A storm window will not be required on any window opening onto a fire escape.
- (D) Copies of waivers granted or denied by the Company shall be made available to the Commission. Applicants denied waivers shall be informed of their right to appeal that denial to the Commission.
- (E) The Commission may grant a waiver of the requirements of Section 18.2 for just cause after an applicant for gas service has been denied a waiver by the Company.

18.4 CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

- (A) A dwelling's compliance with Section 18.2 shall be certified either by:
  - (1) the owner;
  - (2) a contractor of the owner's choice who has inspected the building; or,
  - (3) a company representative who has inspected the building at the owner's request.
- (B) The Company will provide the Certificate of Compliance to the applicant at the time of application for service so that the applicant will be apprised of the requirements for service and the methods by which compliance can be certified.

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18.5 PENALTIES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE

- (A) The Company shall impose a 25 percent surcharge on any bill for gas service to any dwelling which has been converted to gas heat which does not comply with the standards set forth in Section 18.2.
- (B) The effective date of the surcharge rate shall be:
  - (1) Immediately after notice, in the event the owner is directly responsible for the non-compliance;
  - (2) Ninety days after notice, in the event the owner has not contributed to the deficiencies. No surcharge shall be applied if the owner brings the building into compliance within 90 days.
- (C) In the event the owner is not billed for the provision of Company service, no surcharges will be applied to the bills of the non-owner occupants of the dwelling. Instead, after notification to the owner that the building is not in compliance, a surcharge will be billed to the owner. The surcharge will be 25 percent of the Company bills for the dwelling that is not in compliance.

In the event that circumstances prevent collecting the surcharge amount from the owner of the non-complying building, the Company may refuse future connections for service to new tenants in the dwelling until it is brought into compliance.

Furthermore, if the owner is an occupant of the dwelling, but is not billed for any gas service, the surcharge will be imposed on the bill for service to the unit occupied by the owner.

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