

# **COLUMBIA GAS OF MARYLAND, INC.**

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**Rates, Rules and Regulations for Furnishing  
GAS SERVICE  
IN  
THE TERRITORY AS DESCRIBED HEREIN**

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**RATE RS - RESIDENTIAL SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Throughout the territory served under this Tariff.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available at one location for the total requirements of any residential customer.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE**

Residential customers who take service under this rate schedule are entitled to firm retail gas service from the Company.

**RATE**

System Charge:	\$ 16.59	(I)
Distribution Charge:	\$ 0.65604 per therm	(I)

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**

The above rates are net. Bills for gas service will be rendered monthly and are due and payable upon presentation. All bills shall be paid on or before the due date of payment shown on the bill, which date shall be not less than twenty (20) days after presentation.

**MINIMUM CHARGE**

The minimum charge shall be the System Charge.

**SPECIAL PROVISIONS**

If service is discontinued at the request of the customer, the Company will not resume service to such customer at the same premises within twelve (12) months, unless it shall first receive payment of the applicable minimum charge for each month of the intervening period, but not to exceed twelve (12) months.

Where a customer has installed a gas light(s) in lighting devices approved by the Company, and the gas used by such light(s) is unmetered, the gas consumed by such light(s) shall be assumed to be twenty-one (21) therms per month when the Btu/hr input rating for such light(s) is 2,700 or less. For each additional 1,350 Btu/hr input or fraction thereof, the assumed consumption shall be increased by one eleven (11) therms per month. Such assumed consumption shall be billed under the rates contained herein, or if in combination with metered usage under this rate schedule, shall be added to the customer's metered usage and the total billed under the rates contained herein.

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## RATE GS - GENERAL SERVICE

### APPLICABILITY

Throughout the territory served under this Tariff.

### AVAILABILITY

Available at one location, for the total requirements of any commercial or industrial customer.

### CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Industrial and commercial customers who take service under this rate schedule are entitled to firm retail gas service from the Company.

### RATE

#### System Charge:

Annual consumption < 20,920 therms	\$ 56.11	(I)
Annual consumption = > 20,920 therms and = < 523,000 therms	\$ 213.00	(I)
Annual consumption > 523,000 therms	\$ 956.99	(I)

#### Distribution Charge:

Annual consumption < 20,920 therms	\$ 0.56051 per therm	(I)
Annual consumption = > 20,920 therms and = < 523,000 therms	\$ 0.32933 per therm	
Annual consumption > 523,000 therms	\$ 0.16359 per therm	(I)

The rate billed to the customer will be determined based upon the customer's actual throughput quantities, including sales and distribution, measured in therms (thm) for the most recent twelve-month period ended with the customer's October billing cycle. If a customer does not have sufficient consumption history to determine its rate based on twelve (12) months, the rate will be developed by annualizing the consumption history available. In the instance where a customer has no consumption history, the Company will request the customer to submit estimated annual gas requirements, including sales and distribution, upon which to develop the rate. The Company in all cases retains the right to review and modify the customer's estimate where necessary. A customer's rate will remain constant annually, subject to change effective with the January billing cycle each year.

### TERMS OF PAYMENT

The above rates are net. Bills for gas service will be rendered monthly and are due and payable upon presentation. All bills shall be paid on or before the due date of payment shown on the bill, which date shall be not less than fifteen (15) days after presentation.

If the customer fails to pay the full amount of any bill which is Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or more, a delayed payment penalty charge of one and one-quarter percent (1¼%) per month will accrue on the unpaid portion of such bill from the due date to the date of payment but not to exceed five percent (5%).

### MINIMUM CHARGE

The minimum charge shall be the System Charge.

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### RATE IS - INTERRUPTIBLE SERVICE

#### APPLICABILITY

Throughout the territory served under this Tariff.

#### AVAILABILITY

Available to any Industrial or Commercial customer using gas for any purpose when: (1) the Company's facilities and gas supply are adequate or can be economically provided to supply the customer's requirements, (2) such service will not unduly jeopardize the general character of existing interruptible service, (3) the customer does not take service under any other rate schedule, except where, in the sole judgement of the Company, separate metering of interruptible gas under this schedule is practicable. Interruptible service shall not be available to a commercial customer who provides residential-type service such as master-metered apartment buildings unless such customer agrees to contract for an appropriate level of standby service under Rate Schedule SS of the tariff for peak day demand, that is not protected by installed and operable alternate fuel facilities, which will enable the customer to continue to provide Human Needs services.

#### CHARACTER OF SERVICE

The Company undertakes no responsibility to obtain sufficient gas supplies to avoid interruption on a daily basis, and service hereunder is totally interruptible on any day when the Company gives notice to the customer that gas supply is inadequate to supply the customer's requirements, except to the extent the customer nominates Maximum Daily Firm Requirement under Rate SS.

The Company shall give the customer as much advance notice of interruption as is feasible in the sole judgement of the Company. Customer agrees that Company shall not be liable for any loss or damage that may be sustained by the customer by reason of any interruption of service.

#### RATE

##### System Charge:

Annual consumption less than 20,920 therms	\$ 56.11	(I)
Annual consumption = >20,920 therms and <= 523,000 therms	\$ 213.00	(I)
Annual consumption greater than 523,000 therms	\$ 956.99	(I)

##### Distribution Charge:

Annual consumption < 20,920 therms	\$ 0.56051 per therm	(I)
Annual consumption = > 20,920 therms and < = 523,000 therms	\$ 0.32933 per therm	
Annual consumption > 523,000 therms	\$ 0.16359 per therm	(I)

The rate billed to the customer will be determined based upon the customer's actual throughput quantities, including sales and distribution, measured in therms (thm), for the most recent twelve-month period ended with the customer's October billing cycle. If a customer does not have sufficient consumption history to determine its rate based on twelve months, the rate will be developed by annualizing the consumption history available. In the instance where a customer has no consumption history, the Company will request the customer to submit estimated annual gas requirements, including sales and distribution, upon which to develop the rate. The Company in all cases retains the right to review and modify the customer's estimate where necessary. A customer's rate will remain constant annually, subject to change effective with the January billing cycle each year.

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**RATE STS - SMALL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Throughout the territory served under this Tariff.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available to any commercial or industrial account whose transportation requirements are less than 20,920 therms annually, provided that service can be rendered within the limits of the Company's operating conditions and facilities.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE**

Service furnished pursuant to this rate schedule shall be firm service, with no planned interruption.

**RATE**

System Charge: \$ 56.11 (I)

Distribution Charge: \$ 0.56051 per therm (I)

**PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE**

Charges for all gas consumed will include the Purchased Gas Demand Component included in the monthly purchased gas adjustment clause as set forth in this tariff.

In addition, if the customer transfers to this rate from Rate GS-General Service, then for a period of twelve (12) months, the rate shall be adjusted to include the amount per therm equal to the commodity and demand ACA factors included in the monthly purchased gas adjustment clause as set forth in the monthly purchased gas adjustment clause of this tariff, plus the associated Office of People's Counsel assessment fees.

**MINIMUM CHARGE**

The minimum charge shall be the System Charge.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT**

Bills for distribution service will be rendered monthly and are due and payable upon presentation. All bills shall be paid on or before the due date of payment shown on the bill, which dates shall be not less than fifteen (15) days after presentation.

If the customer fails to pay the full amount of any bill which is Two Thousand Dollars (\$2,000.00) or more, a delayed payment penalty charge of one and one-quarter percent (1¼%) per month will accrue on the unpaid portion of such bill from the due date to the date of payment but not to exceed five percent (5%).

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**RATE TS - TRANSPORTATION SERVICE**

**APPLICABILITY**

Throughout the territory served under this Tariff.

**AVAILABILITY**

Available to any commercial or industrial customer whose transportation requirements under separately billed account(s) are at least 20,920 therms annually; however, transportation service shall not be available to a commercial or industrial customer who provides residential-type service such as master-metered apartment buildings unless such customer agrees to contract for an appropriate level of Standby Service under Rate Schedule SS of this Tariff for peak day demand, that is not protected by installed and operable alternate fuel facilities, which will enable the customer to continue to provide Human Needs services. Service is available when such customer acquires its own gas and executes a contract with the Company for a period of not less than one (1) year for delivery service in accordance with all terms and conditions of such contract.

**CHARACTER OF SERVICE**

Service furnished pursuant to this rate schedule shall be considered firm service on the Company's system; provided, however, that it is the customer's obligation to deliver sufficient gas supplies to the mutually agreed upon receipt point in the Company's facilities.

**RATE**

System Charge:

Annual consumption < = 523,000 therms	\$ 213.00	(I)
Annual consumption > 523,000 therms	\$ 956.99	(I)

Distribution Charge:

Annual consumption < = 523,000 therms	\$ 0.29317 per therm	(I)
Annual consumption > 523,000 therms	\$ 0.16359 per therm	(I)

The rate billed to the customer will be determined based upon the customer's actual throughput quantities, including sales and distribution, measured in therms (thm), for the most recent twelve-month period ended with the customer's October billing cycle. If a customer does not have sufficient consumption history to determine its rate based on twelve (12) months, the rate will be developed by annualizing the consumption history available. In the instance where a customer has no consumption history, the Company will request the customer to submit estimated annual gas requirements, including sales and distribution, upon which to develop the rate. The Company in all cases retains the right to review and modify the customer's estimate where necessary. A customer's rate will remain constant annually, subject to change effective with the January billing cycle each year.

**WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT PROVISION**

The quantities of gas sales sold to Commercial customers under this rate schedule are subject to adjustment for weather as set forth in the Weather Normalization Adjustment provisions of the Rules and Regulations of this Tariff.

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**PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (continued)**

**LIMITED TERM ADJUSTMENT FOR SUPPLIER(S) REFUNDS**

A Limited Term Adjustment for Supplier(s) Refunds shall be applicable to Rate Schedules GS, RS, IS and STS to the extent that the rates billed under such rate schedules reflect the related purchased gas increases.

In instances where the Company receives such refunds it shall dispose of the applicable amount, including any interest thereon, as follows:

The "amount to be refunded" shall include (1) the applicable portion of the aforementioned supplier refunds and (2) a net amount of interest at an annual rate as prescribed by the Public Service Commission and computed from the time the Company receives a supplier refund until the end of the annual period during which the bill credit will be reflected on the customer's bill. Amounts representing the difference between the "amounts to be refunded" under prior Limited Term Adjustments and the amount actually refunded under such Limited Term Adjustments will be reconciled in subsequent PGA calculations following the expiration of the refund. In order to compute the Limited Term Refund, the total "amount to be refunded", including applicable interest, will be calculated by utilizing projected sales quantities, beginning with the PGA effective date, for Rate Schedules GS, RS, IS and STS. The total "amount to be refunded" will then be divided by the projected sales quantities. The resulting unit of reduction will be expressed to the nearest one-thousandth of a cent (0.001¢) per therm.

In the event that the refund has been fully passed back to the customers prior to the end of the refund period, the Limited Term Adjustment may be terminated.

**LIMITED TERM ADJUSTMENT FOR PIPELINE PENALTY CREDITS AND CASH-OUTS**

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A Penalty Credit may occur when an interstate pipeline collects penalties from shippers that have not complied with operational orders on the interstate pipeline's system and then allocates those penalty amounts to shippers who were compliant with the interstate pipeline's operational orders.

A Cash-Out may occur when an interstate pipeline has a positive cash balance from gas purchases and sales during a twelve month period. All shippers on the interstate pipeline are allocated a portion of the positive cash balance. When the annual reconciliation is a negative cash balance, the interstate pipeline carries the negative balance into the next twelve month period.

If the Company receives funds from an interstate pipeline(s) as a result of a Penalty Credit and/or Cash-Out, those funds shall be allocated without interest as follows:

1. Fifty percent (50%) of the total Penalty Credit and/or Cash-Out will be applied to the annual calculation of the Demand Actual Cost Adjustment (ACA).
2. Up to thirty percent (30%) of the total Penalty Credit and/or Cash-Out, but not to exceed \$20,000 per year, will be applied to the Company's Hardship Fund.
  - a. Any residual Penalty Credit and/or Cash-Out amounts above the \$20,000 cap for the Company's Hardship Fund will be applied fifty percent (50%) to the annual calculation of the Demand Actual Cost Adjustment ("ACA") and fifty percent (50%) will be retained by the Company.
3. Twenty percent (20%) of the total Penalty Credit and/or Cash-Out will be retained by the Company.

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**PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT CLAUSE (continued)**

**FILING WITH THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

The Purchased Gas Adjustment statement will be filed quarterly with the Public Service Commission of Maryland to be effective each year with the first billing unit in January, April, July and October. The PGA will show the following: (1) the amount of adjustment per therm; (2) the first date the adjustment will be applied to customer's bills; and (3) supporting computations and detail of changes.

The Company may propose an interim PGA if a change in the purchase gas cost or the receipt of a supplier refund has a significant impact on the currently effective PGA.

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