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PART II – RULES AND REGULATIONS

4. OPERATIONAL ISSUES (Cont'd)

G. Discontinuance or Curtailment of Gas Service Due to a Short Term Supply Deficiency

In the event of a short-term loss of supply due to force majeure circumstances including but not limited to major physical facility upstream failures beyond the control of the Distribution Provider or the Distribution Customers (e.g. pipeline ruptures, widespread well freeze-offs, etc.), the Distribution Provider will coordinate with the Distribution Customers to implement the Distribution Provider's short-term curtailment process (as specified in Rule 4.(G)(1), below) in conjunction with the curtailment plans submitted by the Distribution Customers in accordance with Rule 2.A(2)(c)(iv). The Distribution Provider will endeavor to implement all curtailment plans in a non-discriminatory manner, without regard to which Distribution Customer (or the Distribution Provider) provides gas service to those Retail Customers which may be curtailed. Notwithstanding the above, the Distribution Provider will take any and all actions which, in its sole judgement, are required to maintain system integrity. For the purpose of this Rule 4.(G); the term "commercial customers" shall include governmental and public authority customers; the term "core customers" is defined to include customers that lack alternatives (they take either (a) firm sales service, and lack installed equipment capable of burning fuels other than gas; or (b) firm transportation service, and; a nonresidential customer is a person, corporation or other entity receiving service who is not a residential customer as defined in 16 NYCRR 11.

1) Curtailment Process

In the event of short-term interruption or force majeure curtailment situations, the needs of core Retail Customers will be met first, regardless of whether they are Retail Customers of the Distribution Provider or of a Distribution customer. Compensation for gas supplies that are interrupted in order to meet core customer needs will be provided. As part of the implementation of this curtailment process, the Distribution Provider's Gas Emergency Plan will be put into effect. In the event of an emergency, the Distribution Provider may deviate from this Rule 4.(G) on a short-term basis to the extent operational circumstances make it appropriate to do so. The Distribution Provider will exercise sound operational discretion, using this process as a general guideline.

In the event the Distribution Provider is unable to satisfy the full requirements of its customers and finds it necessary to curtail existing service due to a deficiency in its gas supply, the Distribution Provider will curtail service generally following these procedures but will adapt the response to conditions that exist at the time of the curtailment:

- (i) Reduce Distribution Provider-use gas to the extent possible by:
 - (a) Reducing usage of natural gas for electric generation;
 - (b) Reducing the heating load at Distribution Provider facilities.

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