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SERVICE CLASSIFICATION NO. 13 (Cont'd.)

DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE BY A SELLER: (Cont'd.)

Involuntary Discontinuance of Sellers Right to Provide Service (Cont'd.)

- f) that there will be no switching fee charged by the Company to the customer for a switch back to the Company, whether as an interim measure until a new Seller is selected or as a permanent action.

Upon any discontinuance of a Seller, the Seller shall remain responsible for payment or reimbursement of any and all sums owed under this Service Classification or under any other agreements between the Seller and the Company. The Seller shall also remain obligated to customers to the extent provided for in any contracts with them.

Discontinuance by a Direct Customer

A Direct Customer may voluntarily discontinue securing its own gas supply by notifying the Company of its intent to discontinue acting as a Direct Customer and to switch to another supplier or to return to the Company for its gas supply. A Direct Customer may be discontinued involuntarily for the same reasons, and in the same manner, as a Seller would be discontinued, except that notices to customers are not required where the Direct Customer is a single customer.

Assignment of Seller Contracts

A Seller may assign customer contracts to other eligible Sellers, and transfer the rights to serve those customers, provided that the Seller's contracts and disclosure statements clearly state that such assignments and transfers may occur. The assignment and transfer may be initiated upon submission of a notice to the Company, the Commission and the Seller's customers at least 15 calendar days prior to the transfer date.

The notice to the Company and the Commission shall include a copy of the assignment documents executed by officers of all involved Sellers indicating which party will be responsible for payment of any and all sums owed the Company under this Service Classification and/or any other agreement between the Company and the Sellers. The Commission and the Company shall be provided a copy of the notice sent to customers. The notice to customers shall inform them:

- 1) of the date of the assignments;
- 2) that service will be provided by the assigned Seller beginning at the first Effective Switch Date after the notice period;

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