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14. METER ADJUSTMENTS (continued)

14.3.2 Development of the Btu Conversion Factor Daily gas purchases in volumetric and Btu measurements from Company's supplier will be compiled for each Btu zone established. For the development of the conversion factor to change a customer's volumetric measurement to a Btu measurement, the daily volumes (Mcf) and Btu units (Dekatherm) delivered to the customer's Btu zone will be accumulated for the customer's billing period. The conversion factor shall be determined by dividing the total Dekatherms by the total Mcf received in the customer's Btu zone. The Btu measurements used for billing purposes will be on a dry basis.

14.3.3 Application of Conversion Factor for Billing. The customer's metered gas use in Ccf will be multiplied by the conversion factor to determine the customer's use in therms. The customer's bill will indicate the metered Ccf, the conversion factor and the number of therms.

15. BILLING AND COLLECTION:

15.1 <u>Billing Period</u>

A month as defined in the respective service classification is any period consisting of not less than twenty-five (25) days nor more than thirty five (35) consecutive days and a bill for any shorter or longer period will be prorated on the basis of a thirty-day billing period except as hereinafter provided. However, when a customer discontinues service before the expiration of one (1) month, no proration under the price will be made.

Bills will be rendered monthly and may be delivered by depositing the same in a U.S. Post Office or in a box or chute provided for that purpose by the U.S. Post Office Department addressed to customer at the premises where service is taken or at another address designated by customer, or by leaving the same at the building where service is taken, or when_posted electronically. Failure to receive such bill from the Company will not entitle the customer to any delay in the settlement of each month*s account nor to any extension of the date after which a late payment charge becomes applicable.

15.1.1 The date bills are rendered is the date bills are 1) personally served; or 2) three calendar days after the mailing of the bill; or 3) the date posted, if electronically provided.