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GENERAL INFORMATION

7. LIMITATIONS OF SERVICE CLASSIFICATIONS

7.2 REDISTRIBUTION (Cont'd.)

Notwithstanding the foregoing, and consistent with the Commission's Order in Case 96-G-0454 issued and effective September 19, 1997, landlords may be permitted to submeter commercial and industrial properties, which do not have residential tenants, upon filing of a petition and application with the Commission which, unless otherwise acted upon within 75 days of filing, would be deemed approved at the end of the period. The petition and application must be served upon the Company and all affected tenants and be reiterated in leases with submetered tenants.

Four areas must be sufficiently addressed in the application: (1) safety; (2) rate impact for the ultimate consumer; (3) non-rate consumer protection issues; and (4) service provided and utility matters. The application should include at least the following:

Safety

A landlord petitioning for permission to submeter must ensure that its installation will comply with all applicable codes and regulations. The Company will respond to emergencies or gas leak situations. The application must also contain the name, address and telephone number of the person or entity responsible for repair, safety and maintenance, and affirm that both tenants and the Company will be furnished with this information.

Where the gas pipes will be pressurized at 2.0 psi or above, the submeterer must additionally identify all personnel installing or maintaining the system, and must provide the Company with evidence certifying that those personnel are trained and qualified to work on high-pressure gas piping. The submeterer must also update the evidence whenever new personnel are assigned to perform installation, repair or maintenance.

Rates

The landlord must commit to charge gas rates that do not exceed those tariffed by the Company for similar service. Submetering which results in higher rates than those tariffed for end-users will result in review and denial of an application.

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