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SERVICE CLASSIFICATION NO. 13 (Cont'd.)**DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE BY A SELLER: (Cont'd.)**Voluntary Discontinuance of Seller Operations (Cont'd.)

If the Company learns that a Seller has discontinued operations in its service territory without giving the proper notice to its customers and to the Company in accordance with the above requirements prior to discontinuing operations, the Company shall immediately inform the Commission and then, if directed, notify all of the Seller's customers as required above. In the notification, the Company also shall advise the customers that, effective immediately, their service is being provided by the Company and that payment for such service from the date of the notice until a subsequent switch takes place must be made to the Company.

If the Seller does not give the required notice to its retail customers and the Company prior to discontinuing operations, the Seller may be determined ineligible by the Commission to sell gas to retail customers in New York State and/or may be assessed a monetary penalty by the Commission.

Upon the discontinuance of operations by 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.

Upon receipt of a switch request from a subsequent Seller, following the discontinuance notice, the Company will verify the intended switch with the customer.

If a more expeditious discontinuance process is judged to be needed in a specific situation, the Seller may request such expedited treatment upon a showing of need to the Commission or its designee, who shall have the authority to grant such a request. The Commission or its designee may also, for good cause, initiate an expeditious discontinuance process on its own motion. The Company shall also have standing in any such processes.

Sample copies of the form of the notices to customers under the process identified in this Section shall be provided to the Commission for review before the letters are sent to customers.

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