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SERVICE CLASSIFICATION No. 3 (Cont*d)

GENERAL - Continued

RIDER
(to Service Classification No. 3)
Economic Development Zone Rate

Available to an existing or new customer upon written application, provided such applicant meets the necessary qualifications as listed below:

TERM -

To become effective on the first day of the next billing cycle following qualification and acceptance by the Company and to continue during the qualification period for a maximum of ten (10) years.

QUALIFICATIONS -

1. Facility

The following shall be considered a "qualified facility":

- a. a newly constructed facility;
- b. an existing facility that has been purchased or leased and has been vacant for at least six (6) months; or
- c. an expansion of an existing facility; AND
- d. the facility is located within an area that has been certified under the New York State Economic Development Zones Act as an economic development zone and the customer is certified by New York State and continues to be certified as being eligible for this rate pursuant to Article 18 - B of the New York State General Municipal Law.

2. Gas Usage

a. New Customers

The gas consumed by an applicant at a qualifying facility shall be eligible for this rate if it is demonstrated that the facility will have gas consumption in excess of 1,200 Mcf per year.

b. Existing Customers

Incremental gas consumed by an applicant at a qualifying facility shall be eligible for this rate provided that the incremental load is 20% greater than the applicant's prior year's normalized load or 1,200 Mcf per year, whichever is less. However, such incremental gas usage shall not qualify unless the incremental load totals at least 600 Mcf per year. To determine qualifying

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