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10. GENERAL RETAIL ACCESS (Continued)

D. ESCO/DC Participation (Cont'd)

(7) General Curtailment Procedures

In the event of interruption or a force majeure curtailment situation due to a supply deficiency, the needs of core customers shall be met first, regardless of whether they are customers of the Company or an ESCO/Direct Customers. If the Company is unable to satisfy the full requirements of its customers and finds it necessary to curtail existing service due to a deficiency in its gas supply, the Company shall curtail service generally following the procedures set forth below.

In the event the Company is unable to satisfy the full requirements of its customers and finds it necessary to curtail existing service due to a deficiency in its gas supply, the Company shall curtail service generally following these procedures but shall adapt the response to conditions that exist at the time of the curtailment:

- (a) Reduce company-use gas to the extent possible by:
 - (i) Reducing usage of natural gas for electric generation;
 - (ii) Reducing the heating load at company facilities.
- (b) Dual-fuel requirements for customers with full facilities to burn an alternate fuel;
- (c) Other dual-fuel requirements (excluding plant protection);
- (d) Implement the New York Gas Group Standard Operating Procedure for the Pooling of Gas Supply and/or other mutual aid procedures if appropriate;
- (e) Issue public appeal for voluntary load reduction;
- (f) Request the County or Counties affected to declare a State of Emergency in order to close nonessential facilities;
- (g) Curtail large industrial and commercial transportation customers that have returned to sales service and the Company was unable to obtain a pipeline capacity contract to serve them to the minimum level required to maintain building protections.
- (h) Large industrial and commercial space heating, boiler fuel requirements, air conditioning, electric generation, and other non-process purposes where the base annual requirements for an individual piece of gas equipment are 12,000 Dth. or larger;
- (i) Process requirements for which there are technically feasible alternate fuels, and industrial and commercial requirements for space heating where the base annual requirements for an individual piece of equipment are 12,000 Dth. or larger;
- (j) Industrial and commercial space heating, boiler fuel requirements, air conditioning, electric generation, and other non-process purposes where the total base annual requirements are 12,000 Dth. or larger;

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