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EXTENSION OF DISTRIBUTION MAIN

- 19.1 Company shall make extensions to, or alterations in its facilities free of charge (except that the applicant shall furnish all necessary rights-of-way) to provide service to an applicant or group of applicants located within the Company's service area to the extent that such extension or alteration does not exceed the following costs by customer classification.

Residential: \$500 per Applicant

Small, Large and Extended General and Negotiated Contract: As determined by Company's economic test (generally a five (5) year simple payback).

Applicant will also receive a meter and regulator free of charge, but will be responsible for the cost of the service pipeline connecting applicant's meter to the distribution main.

- 19.2 Applicant or group of applicants shall make or procure satisfactory conveyance to Company of all necessary easements and rights-of-way, including right of convenient access to Company's property, for furnishing adequate and continuous service or the removal of Company's property upon termination of service.

- 19.3 When the main extension or alteration required in order to furnish service within the Company's service area is a reasonable extension of Company's facilities, but greater than the free construction specified above, such extension or alteration shall be made subject to the following conditions.

- A. Applicant or applicants shall make a contribution in aid of construction with the Company equal to the difference between the total estimated cost of such extension or alteration and the free limit specified above, or
- B. Applicant or applicants shall be charged an incremental surcharge on each unit of gas. The level of the area rate surcharge and the period of collection shall be approved by the Commission.

- 19.4 Facilities shall not necessarily be extended on this basis to service temporary business or businesses of a doubtful permanency or to give service which would require investment in facilities in excess of normal requirements due to size, location, or unusual characteristics of load. To justify such an excess investment, Company may require a deposit, an advance payment of bills, or a guarantee of payment in excess of any sums required by the applicable rate schedule.

