

Small Commercial Service
Rate SC-51-R2

AVAILABILITY

This natural gas rate schedule is available in the Louisiana Division of CenterPoint Energy Entex, a division of CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.

APPLICATION

This natural gas rate schedule is applicable to customers engaging in any business, professional or institutional activity, for all unrestricted uses of natural gas, including cooking, heating, refrigeration, water heating, air conditioning and power. This natural gas rate schedule shall not be available to any customer whose consumption in a month exceeds 300,000 cubic feet. Natural gas supplied hereunder is for the individual use of the customer at one point of delivery and shall not be resold.

NET MONTHLY RATE

\$16.00 per bill; plus
\$0.24311 per 100 cubic feet for all natural gas used

MINIMUM MONTHLY BILL

No monthly bill shall be rendered under this natural gas rate schedule for an amount less than \$16.00 plus applicable taxes.

TERMS OF PAYMENT

To arrive at the gross monthly rate, the above stated net monthly rate shall be increased by 5% and such gross rate shall be collected from any customer who fails to pay his bill in full within twenty (20) days of date of bill.

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT PROVISION

To the extent that CenterPoint Energy Entex's cost of natural gas to be purchased (adjusted to correct any prior variations from actual costs) for resale hereunder increases or decreases, said net monthly rate shall be adjusted upward or downward to reflect changes in such cost of natural gas per unit sold. Any change in the cost of natural gas from this level will be flowed through in accordance with the rules of the Louisiana Public Service Commission.

RATE STABILIZATION PLAN

This rate schedule shall be subject to the provisions of Rider RSP-R4.

WEATHER NORMALIZATION ADJUSTMENT

This rate schedule shall be subject to the provisions of Rider WNA.

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APPLICABLE TAXES PROVISION

In addition to the payments provided for above, the customer shall reimburse the Company for the customer's proportionate part of any payments made to any governmental authority covering any tax, charge, impost, assessment or fee paid under any law, ordinance or agreement and any increase in the rate of any such tax, charge, impost, assessment or fee (except ad valorem taxes, net income taxes or occupational license taxes collected by a municipality under the provisions of R.S. 47:358 and R.S. 47:397) imposed against the Company or which directly affects the Company's cost of operations.

To reflect any changes in the payments made to any governmental authority covering any such tax, charge, impost, assessment or fee (except ad valorem taxes, net income taxes or occupational license taxes collected by a municipality under the provisions of R.S. 47:358 and R.S. 47:397) in effect on August 7, 1995, the billing hereunder may be increased or decreased by an appropriate percentage adjustment sufficient to adjust for the change or changes in the aforementioned taxes or fees above or below the August 7, 1995 level.

MEASUREMENT

The term "cubic feet" represents the amount of natural gas required to fill a cubic foot space when the gas is at a base pressure of 4 ounces per square inch gauge and at an assumed temperature of sixty (60) degrees Fahrenheit.

In the event that the natural gas delivered to the customer is measured at a pressure in excess of 4 ounces per square inch gauge, the measurement of natural gas shall be on the same basis as that outlined in rate schedules for Large Volume Natural Gas Service.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Service under this natural gas rate schedule shall be furnished in accordance with the Company's General Rules and Regulations as filed with the Louisiana Public Service Commission.