

**ARKANSAS PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION**

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CenterPoint Energy Resources Corp.

d/b/a CenterPoint Energy Arkansas Gas

(Name of Company)

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Class of Service: Residential

PART V - Policy Schedule No. 1

**Title: EXTENDED ABSENCE PAYMENT PLAN**

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**1. EXTENDED ABSENCE PAYMENT PLAN**

1.1. The following options are available to residential customers to avoid suspension of service during any extended absence over one (1) month:

1.1.1. Bills due during the customer's absence may be paid in advance. The amount of the payment will be based on the prior year's corresponding usage based on current rates. Any over or under payment by the customer will be applied to the customer's next bill when he returns. A delayed payment agreement will be available for underpayments.

1.1.2. The customer will be given the opportunity to enroll in the Company's automatic bank draft program. The monthly bill will be paid automatically through the customer's checking or savings account.

1.1.2.A. This option may be utilized by the customer in conjunction with the Company's Average Monthly Billing (AMB), which establishes the monthly bill amount for customer's budgeting purposes during the absence.

1.1.3. The customer can arrange to have bills coming due mailed to an alternate address, or to a third party during the absence.

1.1.3.A. Third-party notification does not imply the third party will be responsible for the bill. Normal suspension of service rules will apply in the event bills are not paid.

1.2. The customer must notify the Company in order to take advantage of any of these extended absence payment plans.