# **RESOLUTION NO. 173 - 24**

# A RESOLUTION SETTING THE NATURAL GAS RATES WITHIN THE SERVICE AREA OF COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES AND REGARDING CERTAIN CHANGES TO THE NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

WHEREAS, Colorado Springs Utilities (Utilities) analyzed the cost of providing natural gas utility service to its Customers and analyzed its current and expected revenue needs for each year 2025 through 2029; and

WHEREAS, natural gas service revenues will need to increase by approximately \$3.6 million for 2025, \$3.7 million for 2026, \$3.8 million for 2027, \$4.1 million for 2028, and \$4.2 million for 2029; and

WHEREAS, Utilities conducted a cost of service study and proposed to modify the Residential, Commercial, Industrial, and Contract Service non-fuel rates to reflect the appropriate cost for the service for each of the referenced years with the changes for each year effective for the noted year; and

WHEREAS, Utilities proposed to modify the Interruptible Service for Industrial Service – Interruptible (G2I, G3M), Industrial Prescheduled (G3D), and Contract Service – Interruptible (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M) rate schedules to eliminate Utilities conducted curtailment test event and clarify customer test requirement of backup equipment; and

WHEREAS, Utilities proposed to modify the natural gas rate schedules related to Industrial Service – Transportation Firm (G4T) to add Long and Short Restricted Delivery Day events (RDD), application of RDD Imbalance Charges and clarification of central time basis of nomination schedule; and

WHEREAS, Utilities proposed to modify the Contract Service – Military Firm (GCS-FIRM, GCS-G6M) and Contract Service – Military Interruptible (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M) rate schedules to reflect the name of Peterson Space Force Base; and

WHEREAS, Utilities proposed to make the natural gas rate schedule changes effective January 1<sup>st</sup> of each referenced year, starting with January 1, 2025 and continuing through January 1, 2029; and

WHEREAS, the details of the changes for each rate class, including the pricing changes noted above and all changes noted in the following clauses for each year 2025 through 2029, are reflected in the tariff sheets attached to this resolution, are provided in redline format within Utilities' 2025 Rate Case, and are discussed further in the City Council Decision and Order in this case; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds Utilities' proposed modifications prudent; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the proposed modifications to the natural gas rate schedules are just, reasonable, sufficient, and not unduly discriminatory and

allow Utilities to collect revenues that enable Utilities to continue to operate in the best interest of all its Customers; and

WHEREAS, Utilities provided public notice of the proposed changes and complied with the requirements of the City Code for changing its natural gas rate schedules; and WHEREAS, specific rates, policy changes, and changes to any terms and conditions of service are set out in the attached tariffs for adoption with the final City Council Decision and Order in this case.

# NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS:

Section 1. That Colorado Springs Utilities Tariff, City Council Volume No. 6,

Natural Gas Rate Schedules shall be revised as follows:

Effective January 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, January 1, 2027, January 1, 2028, and January 1, 2029

	City Council Vol. No. 6	
Sheet No.	Title	Cancels Sheet No.
Third Revised Sheet No. 2	RATE TABLE	Second Revised Sheet No. 2
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 2.1	RATE TABLE	Third Revised Sheet No. 2.1
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Second Revised Sheet No. 8.6	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE – FIRM (G4T)	First Revised Sheet No. 8.6
First Revised Sheet No. 8.7	INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE – FIRM (G4T)	Original Sheet No. 8.7
Second Revised Sheet No. 9	CONTRACT SERVICE – MILITARY FIRM (GCS- FIRM, GCS-G6M)	First Revised Sheet No. 9
Fourth Revised Sheet No. 10	CONTRACT SERVICE – MILITARY INTERRUPTIBLE (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M)	Third Revised Sheet No. 10

Section 2: The attached Tariff Sheets, Council Decision and Order, and other related matters are hereby approved and adopted.

Dated at Colorado Springs, Colorado, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November 2024.

Randy Helms, Council President

ATTEST:

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# 2025 Rate Case Final Natural Gas Tariff Sheets

# Natural Gas Final Tariff Sheets



City Council Volume No. 6 Third Revised Sheet No. 2 Cancels Second Revised Sheet No. 2

# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# RATE TABLE

Billing statements are the sum of rate components listed below each available service.

		Rates (Note)					
Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Residential Service – Firm (G1R) – Sheet No. 4		<u>.</u>					
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$0.3943	\$0.4093	\$0.4249	\$0.4410	\$0.4578		
Access and Facilities Charge, per Ccf	\$0.2047	\$0.2125	\$0.2206	\$0.2290	\$0.2377		
Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), per Ccf		S	heet No. 2.	5			
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Ccf		S	heet No. 2.	6			
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Ccf		S	heet No. 2.	7			
Commercial Service – Small Firm (G1CS) – Sheet No. 5							
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$0.3943	\$0.4093	\$0.4249	\$0.4410	\$0.4578		
Access and Facilities Charge, per Ccf	\$0.2047	\$0.2125	\$0.2206	\$0.2290	\$0.237		
Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), per Ccf		Sheet No. 2.5					
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Ccf		Sheet No. 2.6					
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Ccf		5	Sheet No. 2.	.7			
Commercial Service – Large Firm (G1CL, G8M, G1S) – She	et No. 6						
Large Commercial Service Standard Option (G1CL)							
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$0.7872	\$0.8273	\$0.8695	\$0.9138	\$0.9604		
Access and Facilities Charge, per Ccf	\$0.1857	\$0.1952	\$0.2052	\$0.2157	\$0.226		
Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), per Ccf		Sheet No. 2.5					
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Ccf		Sheet No. 2.6					
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Ccf		Sheet No. 2.7					
Large Commercial Service Monthly Index Option (G8M)	_						
Gas Cost, per Ccf – Sheet No. 3.1		Index					
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$0.7872	\$0.8273	\$0.8695	\$0.9138	\$0.960		
Access and Facilities Charge, per Ccf	\$0.1857	\$0.1952	\$0.2052	\$0.2157	\$0.226		

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# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# **RATE TABLE**

	Rates (Note)					
Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Ccf	Sheet No. 2.6					
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Ccf		S	heet No. 2.	7		
Large Commercial Service Seasonal Option (G1S)						
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$0.7872	\$0.7919	\$0.7967	\$0.8015	\$0.8063	
Access and Facilities Charge:						
Winter (November - April), per Ccf	\$0.1487	\$0.1496	\$0.1505	\$0.1514	\$0.1523	
Summer (May - October), per Ccf	\$0.0498	\$0.0501	\$0.0504	\$0.0507	\$0.0510	
Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), per Ccf		S	heet No. 2.	5		
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Ccf	Sheet No. 2.6					
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Ccf	Sheet No. 2.7					
Industrial Service – Interruptible (G2I, G3M) – Sheet No. 7						
Standard Option (G2I)						
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$5.7528	\$5.9829	\$6.2222	\$6.4711	\$6.7299	
Access and Facilities Charge, per Mcf	\$0.9010	\$0.9370	\$0.9745	\$1.0135	\$1.0540	
Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), per Mcf		S	Sheet No. 2.	.5		
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Mcf		S	Sheet No. 2	.6		
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Mcf		S	Sheet No. 2	.7		
Unauthorized Overrun Charge, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.2		C	verrun Ind	ex		
Monthly Index Option (G3M)			····			
Gas Cost, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.1			Index			
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$5.7528	\$5.9829	\$6.2222	\$6.4711	\$6.729	
Access and Facilities Charge, per Mcf	\$0.9010	\$0.9370	\$0.9745	\$1.0135	\$1.054	
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.6					
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Mcf		Sheet No. 2.7				
Unauthorized Overrun Charge, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.2	Overrun Index					

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# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# RATE TABLE

	Rates (Note)						
Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Industrial Service – Interruptible Prescheduled (	G3D) – Sheet	No. 7.2					
Gas Cost, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.1		Z han she	Daily Index				
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$131.2702	\$136.5210	\$141.9818	\$147.6611	\$153.5675		
Access and Facilities Charge, per Mcf	\$0.6700	\$0.6968	\$0.7247	\$0.7537	\$0.7838		
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Mcf			Sheet No. 2.6				
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Mcf			Sheet No. 2.7				
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – In-Band, per Mcf			Sheet No. 2.6				
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – Out-of- Band, per Mcf		`. ·	Sheet No. 2.6				
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – Unauthorized, per Mcf			Sheet No. 2.6				
Unauthorized Overrun Charge, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.2			Overrun Index	(			
Industrial Transportation Service – Firm (G4T)	- Sheet No. 8						
Initial Service Fee (one time)			\$25,000.00				
Transportation Charges:							
Customer Charge, per day	\$24.5199	\$25.0839	\$25.6608	\$26.2510	\$26.8548		
Meter Charge per meter, per day	\$0.3349	\$0.3426	\$0.3505	\$0.3586	\$0.3668		
Transportation Demand Charge, per MDQ Mcf, per day	\$0.1820	\$0.1862	\$0.1905	\$0.1949	\$0.1994		
Transportation Commodity Charge, per Mcf	\$0.9640	\$0.9862	\$1.0089	\$1.0321	\$1.0558		
MDQ Overrun Charge: see the Maximum Delivery Quantity Adjustment and Overrun Charges Section for details							
Daily Balancing Charges:							
Daily Balancing Demand Charge, per MDQ Mcf, per day	Sheet No. 2.6						
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – In- Band, per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.6						
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – Out-of- Band, per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.6						

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# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# **RATE TABLE**

	Rates (Note)					
Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – RDD Event, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.2	Sheet No. 2.6					
Monthly Balancing Charge – Cash-Out:						
Under-deliveries, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.1		1	Sheet No. 2.	6		
Over-deliveries – Credit, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.1			Sheet No. 2.	6		
Contract Service – Military Firm (GCS-FIRM, GCS-G6M)	- Sheet No.	9				
Standard Option (GCS-FIRM)						
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$14.5375	\$15.1190	\$15.7238	\$16.3528	\$17.0069	
Access and Facilities Charge, per meter, per day	\$0.3465	\$0.3604	\$0.3748	\$0.3898	\$0.4054	
Access and Facilities Charge, per Mcf	\$1.8280	\$1.9011	\$1.9771	\$2.0562	\$2.1384	
Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.5					
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.6					
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.7					
Monthly Index Option (GCS-G6M)						
Gas Cost, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.1			Index			
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$14.5375	\$15.1190	\$15.7238	\$16.3528	\$17.0069	
Access and Facilities Charge, per meter, per day	\$0.3465	\$0.3604	\$0.3748	\$0.3898	\$0.4054	
Access and Facilities Charge, per Mcf	\$1.8280	\$1.9011	\$1.9771	\$2.0562	\$2.1384	
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.6					
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.7					
Contract Service - Military Interruptible (GCS-INTS, GCS	8-G7M) — Sh	eet No. 10				
Standard Option (GCS-INTS)						
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$15.1403	\$15.7459	\$16.3757	\$17.0307	\$17.7119	
Access and Facilities Charge, per Mcf	\$0.8860	\$0.9214	\$0.9583	\$0.9966	\$1.0365	
Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA), per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.5					

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# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# RATE TABLE

	Rates (Note)						
Description	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029		
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.6						
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Mcf		Sheet No. 2.7					
Unauthorized Overrun Charge, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.2	Overrun Index						
Monthly Index Option (GCS-G7M)							
Gas Cost, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.1	Index						
Access and Facilities Charge, per day	\$15.1403	\$15.7459	\$16.3757	\$17.0307	\$17.7119		
Access and Facilities Charge, per Mcf	\$0.8860	\$0.9214	\$0.9583	\$0.9966	\$1.0365		
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC), per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.6						
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge, per Mcf	Sheet No. 2.7						
Unauthorized Overrun Charge, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.2	Overrun Index						

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# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# RATE TABLE

Description	Rates
Gas Cost Adjustment (GCA) – Sheet No. 11	
GCA, per Ccf (G1R), (G1CS), (G1CL), (G1S)	\$0.1725
GCA, per Mcf (G21), (GCS-FIRM), (GCS-INTS)	\$1.7250



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## NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# **RATE TABLE**

Description	Rates
Gas Capacity Charge (GCC) – Sheet No. 12	
Residential Service – Firm (G1R), per Ccf	\$0.0964
Commercial Service – Small Firm (G1CS), per Ccf	\$0.0964
Commercial Service – Large Firm (G1CL), per Ccf	\$0.0840
Commercial Service – Large Firm (G8M), per Ccf	\$0.0840
Commercial Service – Large Firm (G1S), per Ccf	\$0.0386
Industrial Service – Interruptible (G21), per Mcf	\$0.3850
Industrial Service – Interruptible (G3M), per Mcf	\$0.3850
Industrial Service – Interruptible Prescheduled (G3D), per Mcf	\$0.2514
Contract Service – Military Firm (GCS-FIRM), per Mcf	\$0.8400
Contract Service – Military Firm (GCS-G6M), per Mcf	\$0.8400
Contract Service – Military Interruptible (GCS-INTS), per Mcf	\$0.3850
Contract Service – Military Interruptible (GCS-G7M), per Mcf	\$0.3850
G3D Daily Balancing Charges – Sheet No. 7.2	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – In-Band, per Mcf	\$0.0403
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – Out-of-Band, per Mcf	\$0.3922
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – Unauthorized, per Mcf	\$2.0268
G4T Daily Balancing Charges – Sheet No. 8	
Daily Balancing Demand Charge, per MDQ Mcf, per day	\$0.0123
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – In-Band, per Mcf	\$0.0468
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – Out-of-Band, per Mcf	\$2.5000
Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – RDD Event, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.2	Overrun Index
Monthly Balancing Charge – Cash-Out:	
Under-deliveries, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.1	\$0.7114 + 110% of Index 1
Over-deliveries – Credit, per Mcf – Sheet No. 3.1	90% of Index 2



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# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# RATE TABLE

Description	Rates	
Colorado Clean Heat Plan Charge – Sheet No. 13		
Residential Service – Firm (G1R), per Ccf	\$0.0125	
Commercial Service – Small Firm (G1CS), per Ccf	\$0.0125	
Commercial Service – Large Firm (GICL), per Ccf	\$0.0050	
Commercial Service – Large Firm (G8M), per Ccf	\$0.0050	
Commercial Service – Large Firm (G1S), per Ccf	\$0.0050	
Industrial Service – Interruptible (G2I), per Mcf	\$0.0500	
Industrial Service – Interruptible (G3M), per Mcf	\$0.0500	
Industrial Service – Interruptible Prescheduled (G3D), per Mcf	\$0.0500	
Contract Service – Military Firm (GCS-FIRM), per Mcf	\$0.0500	
Contract Service – Military Firm (GCS-G6M), per Mcf	\$0.0500	
Contract Service – Military Interruptible (GCS-INTS), per Mcf	\$0.0500	
Contract Service – Military Interruptible (GCS-G7M), per Mcf	\$0.0500	



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## NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# GENERAL

basis for which monthly purchases for the Customer will be made. These monthly volumes will be set by Utilities with the Customer's concurrence. If more than one primary sales gas meter serves a military installation, the meters will be totalized.

# **GAS DAY**

Gas Day is a period of 24 consecutive hours commencing and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Clock Time (CCT) (8:00 a.m. Mountain Clock Time (MCT)), adjusted for Daylight Savings Time when appropriate. "Clock Time" indicates that Utilities will adjust its Gas Day to reflect changes for Daylight Saving time.

## **INDICES**

# Monthly Index (G8M, G3M, GCS-G6M, GCS-G7M)

Index is the first of the month index gas price as published in "Inside FERC's Gas Market Report" for the average of CIG (Rocky Mountains) and Cheyenne Hub. This published Index price will be converted to the applicable Ccf or Mcf at 12.01 PSIA basis for billing purposes.

## Daily Index (G3D)

Daily Index is the gas price for the date of delivery as published in the Platts Gas Daily Report for the higher of CIG (Rocky Mountains) or Cheyenne Hub. The published Index price will be converted to Mcf at 12.01 PSIA basis for billing purposes.

## Index 1 (G4T)

Index 1 is the higher of the first of the month Inside FERC Gas Market Report index gas price or Gas Daily daily gas midpoint gas price that occurs during a month at either CIG (Rocky Mountains) or Cheyenne Hub, whichever is higher. This published Index price will be converted to Mcf at 12.01 PSIA basis for billing purposes.

#### Index 2 (G4T)

Index 2 is the lower of the first of the month Inside FERC Gas Market Report index gas price or Gas Daily daily gas midpoint gas price that occurs during a month at either CIG (Rocky Mountains) or Cheyenne Hub, whichever is lower. This published Index price will be converted to Mcf at 12.01 PSIA basis for billing purposes.



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# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

## **INDUSTRIAL SERVICE – INTERRUPTIBLE (G2I, G3M)**

# AVAILABILITY

Available by contract in Utilities' gas service territory for any establishment engaged in the operation of a business or an institution, whether or not for profit. Master meters will not be installed without Utilities' approval.

Customer shall provide a dedicated 120-volt circuit prior to installation of the instrument communication equipment. Customer will coordinate the installation of measurement equipment and connection of the 120-volt circuit to communication equipment with Utilities. Customer must maintain continuous electric service to the gas measurement equipment. A Restoration of Service fee according to Utilities Rules and Regulations section I.B. will be charged for any Customer caused outage that Utilities investigates.

## **CURTAILMENT**

Utilities reserves the right to curtail service to the Customer at any time. Interruptible gas sales service will be subordinate to all firm gas sales and firm gas transportation services.

Customer is required to have functional backup equipment and fuel with the ability to curtail for a minimum period of 24 hours when notified. The Customer is expected to perform reasonable maintenance and repairs of backup equipment and demonstrate backup equipment and system functionality prior to beginning of the Winter period of November through April.

If the Customer fails to satisfactorily demonstrate functional backup equipment and fuel and/or has a history of two or more failed curtailments in a heating season during declared curtailment events, Utilities may, at its sole discretion, move the Customer to firm service.

In the event of unforeseen backup equipment malfunction resulting in failure to curtail, the Customer may request waiver of the Unauthorized Overrun Charge for one curtailment event up to four hours per year. Submission of request for waiver must be made within two billing periods from the failure to curtail and shall include written affirmation of the malfunction and repair. Utilities shall have the right to deny a request for waiver or reduce the adjusted quantity if, in Utilities' sole discretion, the malfunction or its magnitude is the result of negligence or malicious acts by the Customer.



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## NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# **INDUSTRIAL SERVICE – INTERRUPTIBLE PRESCHEDULED (G3D)**

# AVAILABILITY

Available in Utilities' gas service territory for any establishment engaged in the operation of a business or an institution, whether or not for profit who: (a) connect directly to Utilities' 150 pounds-per-square-inchgauge (PSIG) or higher distribution system; (b) have connected daily load of at least 25,000 Mcf at 12.01 PSIA; and (c) consume 50% or more of their total 12 billing period Mcf during the Summer period of May through October. Service hereunder is conditioned upon availability of Utilities' capacity, resources, and assets without detriment or disadvantage to existing Customers. Service under this rate schedule is subject to availability on a first come, first serve basis and is limited to a maximum daily volume of 110,000 Mcf at 12.01 PSIA.

#### **CURTAILMENT**

Utilities may require Customer to install remote control equipment, at the Customer's expense, to enable Utilities to directly curtail Customer usage. If Customer fails to curtail during a declared curtailment event, Customer is subject to Utilities' intervention either through remote control or onsite shut-off of gas supply to the Customer's meter or equipment without advance notice. Service under this rate schedule will be subordinate to all firm gas sales, firm gas transportation services, and interruptible services. Customer is required to have functional backup equipment and fuel with the ability to maintain functionality during a curtailment lasting for a minimum of 24 hours. The Customer is expected to perform reasonable maintenance and repairs of backup equipment and demonstrate backup equipment and system functionality prior to beginning of the Winter period of November through April.

If the Customer fails to satisfactorily demonstrate functional backup equipment and fuel and/or has a history of two or more failed curtailments in a heating season during declared curtailment events, Utilities may, at its sole discretion, move the Customer to firm service.



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## NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

## **INDUSTRIAL SERVICE – INTERRUPTIBLE PRESCHEDULED (G3D)**

#### SERVICE CONSIDERATIONS

Customers receiving service under this rate schedule are responsible for all costs to upgrade the measurement and communication equipment required to measure hourly consumption. Customer shall provide at its sole cost a dedicated 120-volt circuit prior to installation of the instrument and communication equipment. Utilities and Customer will work together to coordinate the installation of measurement equipment and connection of the 120-volt circuit to the communication equipment. Eligible Customers must submit a completed signed Interruptible Prescheduled Service Agreement (IPSA) and pay all costs to upgrade the required measurement equipment prior to commencing service under this schedule. Service will start no later than 120 days after those obligations are met. The measurement equipment must be operational and ready for service at least 45 days prior to the requested service date. Customer must maintain continuous electric service to the gas measurement equipment. A Restoration of Service fee according to Utilities Rules and Regulations section I.B. will be charged for any Customer caused outage that Utilities investigates.

System availability may be impacted by either planned or unplanned outages, or critical balancing conditions on the CIG system. Customer will be notified of such events. In the event a Customer terminates interruptible prescheduled service, moving to firm or interruptible service will be conditioned upon Utilities' availability of capacity to serve the Customer's requirement.

#### **PRESCHEDULING**

Customers receiving service under this rate schedule are required to establish a Maximum Daily Quantity (MDQ) under the IPSA. Customers are required to nominate daily gas supplies by email or phone to designated Utilities Energy Supply Department personnel. Customer nominations may not exceed their MDQ. Nominations are due by 9:00 a.m. CCT (8:00 a.m. MCT), on the day prior to metered deliveries. The daily quantity nominated will be reviewed by Utilities to determine if sufficient capacity or supply, whether on CIG or Utilities' system, is forecasted for the following Gas Day. If the nomination is accepted by Utilities, the nominated quantities establish the Customer's Final Scheduled Volumes (FSV). If no or reduced system capacity is forecasted, Utilities will notify the Customer of the maximum allowable FSV by 4:30 p.m. on the day prior to its effectiveness. The Customer is responsible for re-nominating daily quantities by 5:00 p.m. for the following Gas Day at quantities no greater than the maximum allowable FSV.



# NATURAL GAS RATE SCHEDULES

# **INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION SERVICE – FIRM (G4T)**

If, on any Gas Day, the absolute value of a Shipper's Imbalance is less than or equal to 10% of the Metered Delivered Volume then the absolute value of the Imbalance will be subject to the In-Band Daily Balancing Commodity Charge. On any Gas Day when the absolute value of the Imbalance is more than 10% of the Metered Delivered Volume, the absolute value of the Imbalance Volumes within the 10% threshold will be subject to the In-Band Daily Balancing Commodity Charge and the absolute value of any Imbalance Volumes in excess of the 10% threshold will be subject to the Out-of-Band Daily Balancing Commodity Charge.

# **RESTRICTED DELIVERY DAY (RDD) EVENTS**

In the event a condition is developing that may require the implementation of an RDD Event, or circumstances are present that significantly increase the likelihood that such conditions will develop, Utilities will undertake reasonable efforts to notify Shippers and their agents of the developing conditions or circumstances to provide Shippers the time and opportunity to take steps to address the condition. The RDD Event will commence with a NAESB gas pipeline nomination cycle specified in the notification. The RDD Event will end at a time specified in a separate notification. During an RDD Event, all four NAESB pipeline nomination cycles will be available to G4T customers to balance their Metered Delivered Volumes and Final Scheduled Delivered Volumes. Shippers must execute intraday nominations to align Final Scheduled Quantities with expected demand. In the event Utilities declares an RDD Event, Utilities will attempt to notify Shippers and their Agents by 4:00 p.m. the day prior to its effectiveness. However, Utilities may call an RDD Event at any time for any and all Shippers and their Agents, including for specific Shippers and their Agents that Utilities reasonably believes are causing the condition necessitating the RDD.

For deliveries during an RDD-General Event, the Daily Balancing Charges and provisions set forth above shall continue to apply. Over Deliveries and/or Under Deliveries in excess of 10% of the Metered Delivered Volumes will be assessed a charge equal to the Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – RDD Event. RDD Event charges will be assessed in addition to any other balancing charges that may apply.

For deliveries during an RDD-Directional (Long) Event, the Daily Balancing Charges and provisions set forth above shall continue to apply. Over Deliveries will be assessed a charge equal to the Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – RDD Event. RDD Event charges will not be assessed for Under Deliveries. RDD Event charges will be assessed in addition to any other balancing charges that may apply.

For deliveries during an RDD-Directional (Short) Event, the Daily Balancing Charges and provisions set forth above shall continue to apply.



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Under Deliveries will be assessed a charge equal to the Daily Balancing Commodity Charge – RDD Event. RDD Event charges will not be assessed for Over Deliveries. RDD Event charges will be assessed in addition to any other balancing charges that may apply.

# **MONTHLY BALANCING**

At the end of each Gas Month, the total of daily positive and negative Imbalances that have accumulated throughout the Gas Month, both In-Band and Out-of-Band, will be netted and Cashed Out to zero.

Utilities will determine the Cash Out quantity applicable to each Shipper/Agent through the last day of the Gas Month. Utilities and Shipper/Agent will Cash Out by applying the applicable Monthly Balancing Charges for either under deliveries or over deliveries to the final Cash Out quantity.

Utilities shall either credit or charge the applicable transportation billing account to reflect the Cash Out amounts due either Shipper/Agent or Utilities, respectively. All Imbalances accrued will be resolved to zero at the end of each Gas Month. Imbalances shall not be carried over.

## **OPTIONAL SERVICE**

Shipper may, with an Aggregator, participate in Aggregation as defined in the transportation terms and conditions contained within Utilities' Rules and Regulations. Individual Shipper's MDQ will remain in effect and may not be aggregated to avoid MDQ Overrun Charges. The Aggregation Pool will be considered as one Shipper for purposes of calculating the daily scheduling penalties and monthly imbalances, i.e., individual Shipper nominations and consumption will be summed and treated as if they were one Shipper.

Under this aggregation service, the Monthly and Daily Balancing Charges are billed to the Aggregator for the Aggregation Pool, rather than being billed to the Shipper.

## **INITIAL SERVICE FEE**

In order to qualify for service under this rate schedule a one-time Initial Service Fee is required of each participating Customer.

# MAXIMUM DELIVERY QUANTITY ADJUSTMENT AND OVERRUN CHARGES

If a Shipper's MDQ is exceeded by the Metered Delivered Volumes on any Gas Day, such Shipper's MDQ will be increased to the new highest Metered Delivered Volume provided system capacity is



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available. Such increased MDQ will become effective immediately and applied for the current billing month. The Shipper's Maximum Receipt Quantity (MRQ) is equal to the MDQ + L&U and shall be increased proportionately.

MDQ Overrun Charge: In the event the Metered Delivered Volume exceeds the MDQ, an MDQ Overrun Charge will be applied. The MDQ Overrun Charge will be calculated based on the difference between the maximum Metered Delivered Volume during the billing month minus the current MDQ multiplied by the number of days from either the TSA Service Start Date or the most recent TSA Renewal Date to the end of the previous Gas Month multiplied by the Transportation Demand Charge. The overrun volumes will not be less than zero on any day. If a Shipper nominates an amount that results in their balancing band exceeding their MDQ, the balancing service will be provided. Any balancing service provided resulting in daily Metered Delivered Volumes exceeding the Shipper's existing MDQ will result in the Shipper's MDQ being increased to the higher daily Metered Delivered Volume along with the MDQ Overrun Charge.

Shipper may request in writing for Utilities to increase Shipper's MDQ. Providing that system capacity is available, a Shipper's MDQ will be increased effective the beginning of the following month.

Shipper may request in writing for Utilities to decrease Shipper's MDQ. Upon receipt of any such written request, Utilities will review and evaluate Shipper's usage history and may grant a reduction of a Shipper's MDQ if, at its sole discretion, Utilities determines a lower MDQ is justified based on Shipper's inability to utilize the existing MDQ level under any conditions.

# RATE

See Rate Table for applicable charges.

## **TRANSPORTATION SERVICE AGREEMENT PERIOD**

Unless otherwise specified, the initial contract period is from the TSA Service Start Date to October 31st. Unless otherwise stated, the TSA shall automatically renew for an additional 12-month contract period each November 1st, unless Customer provides advance written notice to Utilities no later than 180 days prior to the November 1st renewal date that Customer elects not to renew for the upcoming TSA year.

## **NOMINATION PROCESS**

Shippers under this rate schedule are required to nominate daily gas supplies from Utilities' Receipt Point to their individual delivery point using Utilities' electronic bulletin board (EBB). Shipper nominations



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may not exceed their MRQ. Nominations are due by 1:00 p.m. CCT (12:00 p.m. MCT), on the day prior to metered deliveries. Utilities will confirm these (NAESB cycle 1) nominations with CIG daily by 4:30 p.m. CCT (3:30 p.m. MCT) or as may otherwise be required under CIG's tariff. Utilities will confirm the same quantity of gas nominated on its EBB with the upstream nomination on CIG for deliveries from CIG to Utilities. The daily quantity nominated on Utilities' EBB will be accepted as the maximum quantity deliverable into Utilities' distribution system for the following Gas Day. However, upstream nominations on CIG may be adjusted in CIG's remaining nomination cycles to attempt to meet any shortfall in nominated quantities on CIG compared to Utilities.

All nominations on Utilities' EBB are expected to be made in good faith to match the amount of anticipated actual consumption of the G4T Shippers for whom the nominations are being made. Utilities shall have the right, at its sole discretion, not to confirm any nomination that it deems is being made in order to take unfair advantage of any tariff provisions, including but not limited to, monthly Cash Out, or when Utilities determines its system reliability is being jeopardized.

# **NOTIFICATION AND CHANGES TO TRANSPORTATION**

A Transportation Customer shall notify Utilities in writing of its request to make additions or changes to its service under this G4T gas transportation rate schedule. Notification shall include Shipper name, TSA #, account number(s), billing information and other information as Utilities may deem appropriate. Any such request shall take place as hereinafter described.

For additions of meters to the contract, the requested changes will become effective on a mutually agreeable date between CSU and the Transportation Customer; provided however that service will start no later than 120 days after the TSA amendment is executed and all measurement equipment costs are paid to Utilities, subject to measurement equipment availability. The Shipper shall concurrently increase delivery capacity on the CIG system and request Utilities in writing to increase the Shipper's MDQ for meter additions.

To terminate Gas Transportation Service, the Customer's request must be received in writing by Utilities no less than 180 days prior to the November 1st TSA Renewal Date. Customers requesting to return to firm sales service will be conditioned upon Utilities' availability of capacity to serve Customer's firm requirement.



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## DEFINITIONS

**CASH OUT**: The application of Monthly Balancing Charges to the end-of-the-month imbalance quantity. (See Monthly Balancing)

**FINAL SCHEDULED DELIVERED VOLUMES**: Final volumes scheduled by CIG for receipt by Shipper at Utilities' City Gate on a given Gas Day, less Utilities' L&U, in Mcf at 12.01 PSIA using the CIG measured average BTU factor for the Gas Day.

**FINAL SCHEDULED RECEIVED VOLUMES:** Final volumes scheduled by CIG for receipt by Shipper at Utilities' City Gate on a given Gas Day in Mcf at 12.01 PSIA using the CIG measured average BTU factor for the Gas Day.

**FINAL SCHEDULED QUANTITIES:** Final quantities scheduled by CIG for receipt by Shipper at Utilities' City Gate on a given Gas Day in Dekatherms.

**GAS MONTH**: A period beginning at 9:00 a.m. CCT (8:00 a.m. MCT), adjusted for Daylight Savings Time when appropriate on the first day of a calendar month and ending at 9:00 a.m. CCT (8:00 a.m. MCT), adjusted for Daylight Savings Time when appropriate of the first day of the next succeeding calendar month.

**IMBALANCE OR IMBALANCE VOLUMES**: The Final Scheduled Delivered Volumes less the Metered Delivered Volumes on a given Gas Day.

**IN-BAND VOLUMES**: Daily under/over deliveries that are less than or equal to 10% of the daily Metered Delivered Volumes.

**LINE-EXTENSION POLICY**: Any new or additional facilities required at the delivery point to provide transportation service shall be paid for by the Customer. All facilities installed by Utilities shall continue to be owned, operated and maintained by Utilities.



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**LOST AND UNACCOUNTED FOR GAS:** L&U gas is currently 1.6% of the total gas received at the Receipt Point(s). Shipper shall calculate its nominations on Utilities' system at the Receipt Point(s) to include L&U. L&U is consumed by Utilities' distribution system and is not part of the Metered Delivered Volumes.

**METERED DELIVERED VOLUMES**: Volumes delivered to the Shipper's meter in Mcf at 12.01 PSIA.

**MDQ OVERRUN**: Metered Delivered Volumes in excess of the Maximum Delivery Quantity specified in the Transportation Service Agreement.

**MEASUREMENT**: All transportation deliveries will be measured on a Ccf or Mcf basis at the standard billing base pressure of 12.01 PSIA.

NAESB: North American Energy Standards Board.

NAESB NOMINATION CYCLES: Timely Cycle – 1:00 p.m. CCT (12:00 p.m. MCT), the day prior to Gas Day; Evening Cycle – 6:00 p.m. CCT (5:00 p.m. MCT) the day prior to Gas Day; IntraDay 1 Cycle – 10:00 a.m. CCT (9:00 a.m. MCT) on Gas Day; IntraDay 2 Cycle – 2:30 p.m. CCT (1:30 p.m. MCT) on Gas Day; IntraDay 3 Cycle – 7:00 p.m. CCT (6:00 p.m. MCT) on Gas Day.

**NOMINATED VOLUMES**: Daily volumes nominated by the Shipper to be received at Utilities' City Gate in dekatherms.

**NOMINATIONS**: Shipper's estimate of gas volume to be transported on Utilities' distribution system on a daily basis.

**OUT-OF-BAND VOLUMES**: Daily over/under deliveries that are greater than 10% of the daily Metered Delivered Volumes.

**OVER DELIVERIES**: Daily Final Scheduled Delivered Volumes that are greater than daily Metered Delivered Volumes.



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**RESTRICTED DELIVERY DAY (RDD) EVENT**: Days or partial day when Transportation Customers are notified that limited gas supply is available for balancing. Metered Delivered Volumes should not be less than or greater than the Final Scheduled Delivered Volumes. An RDD Event may be enacted for the entire system or for individual Shippers or their Agents.

**RDD-GENERAL EVENT**: The declaration by Utilities of an RDD-General Event is a notification to Customers that limited capacity is available for balancing. During an RDD-General Event the Metered Delivered Volumes should not be less than or greater than the Final Scheduled Delivered Volumes.

**RDD-DIRECTIONAL (LONG) EVENT**: The declaration by Utilities of an RDD-Directional (Long) Event is a notification to Customers that Utilities is "long" gas (over delivered) and that limited capacity is available for balancing in the same direction of the declared Event. During an RDD-Directional (Long) Event the Metered Delivered Volumes should not be greater than the Final Scheduled Delivered Volumes.

**RDD-DIRECTIONAL (SHORT) EVENT**: The declaration by Utilities of an RDD-Directional (Short) Event is a notification to Customers that Utilities is "short" gas (under delivered) and that limited capacity is available for balancing in the same direction of the declared Event. During an RDD-Directional (Short) Event the Metered Delivered Volumes should not be less than the Final Scheduled Delivered Volumes.

SHIPPER/CUSTOMER: The party on whose behalf gas is being transported.

TSA RENEWAL DATE: Automatic yearly renewal date of the TSA effective November 1st.

**TSA SERVICE START DATE**: The first day of the month that G4T gas transportation service begins under a TSA.

**UNDER DELIVERIES**: Daily Final Scheduled Delivered Volumes that are less than daily Metered Delivered Volumes.



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# **CONTRACT SERVICE – MILITARY FIRM (GCS-FIRM, GCS-G6M)**

## AVAILABILITY

Available in Utilities' gas service territory to the United States of America at the Fort Carson Military Installation, the Peterson Space Force Base, and the United States Air Force Academy.

# **RATE OPTIONS**

Customers may choose between the following:

- A. Standard Option (GCS-FIRM)
- B. Monthly Index Option (GCS-G6M)

## **RATE**

See Rate Table for applicable charges.



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# **CONTRACT SERVICE – MILITARY INTERRUPTIBLE (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M)**

# AVAILABILITY

Available in Utilities' gas service territory to the United States of America at the Fort Carson Military Installation, the Peterson Space Force Base, and the United States Air Force Academy.

## **CURTAILMENT**

Utilities reserves the right to curtail service to the Customer at any time. Interruptible gas sales service will be subordinate to all firm gas sales and firm gas transportation services.

Customer is required to have functional backup equipment and fuel with the ability to curtail for a minimum period of 24 hours when notified. The Customer is expected to perform reasonable maintenance and repairs of backup equipment and demonstrate backup equipment and system functionality prior to beginning of the Winter period of November through April.

If the Customer fails to satisfactorily demonstrate functional backup equipment and fuel and or has a history of failed curtailments during declared curtailment events, Utilities may, at its sole discretion, move the Customer to firm service.

In the event of unforeseen backup equipment malfunction resulting in failure to curtail, the Customer may request waiver of the Unauthorized Overrun Charge for one curtailment event up to four hours per year. Submission of request for waiver must be made within two billing periods from the failure to curtail and shall include written affirmation of the malfunction and repair. Utilities shall have the right to deny a request for waiver or reduce the adjusted quantity if, at Utilities' sole discretion, the malfunction or its magnitude is the result of negligence or malicious acts by the Customer.

## **CONVERSION TO FIRM SERVICE**

Customer requests to convert to firm service are conditional on Utilities' capacity availability.

# BEFORE THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

IN THE MATTER OF THE REVISION)OF THE NATURAL GAS TARIFF OF)COLORADO SPRINGS UTILITIES)

DECISION & ORDER 24-02 (NG)

- 1. Colorado Springs Utilities, an enterprise of the City of Colorado Springs ("City"), a Colorado home-rule city and municipal corporation ("Utilities"), provides natural gas utility service within the City and within its Colorado Public Utilities Commission-certificated service territory outside of the City.
- Utilities submitted a 2025 Rate Case as part of a five-year financial plan, funding reliability, regulatory, and growth-related investments in Utilities' systems. Utilities' 2025 Rate Case filing includes proposed Cost of Service ("COS") driven rate changes for Electric, Natural Gas, Water, and Wastewater services. Utilities' filing proposes annual changes to Electric, Natural Gas, Water, and Wastewater rates, effective January 1<sup>st</sup> for each of the years 2025 through 2029.
- 3. To provide opportunities for customers to manage their bill while helping Utilities maintain a safe, reliable Electric system, Utilities' filing proposes Energy-Wise Time-of-Day rate changes, effective October 1, 2025.
- 4. Utilities' filing proposes certain other changes to Electric, Natural Gas, Water, and Wastewater Rate Schedules, and changes to Utilities Rules and Regulations ("URR"), effective January 1, 2025.
- 5. Utilities engages in the purchase, transportation, storage, and distribution of natural gas. These activities incur fuel related (purchases, transportation, and storage) and non-fuel related (distribution) expenses. Fuel related expenditures are currently recovered through the Gas Cost Adjustment ("GCA") and the Gas Capacity Charge ("GCC"). Non-fuel related expenditures are recovered through Access and Facilities and Transportation Charges. Utilities' filing proposes changes to the non-fuel related charges.
- 6. Utilities conducted a Natural Gas COS study based on a revenue requirement from the proposed 2025 Budget. The COS analysis indicates for Utilities to recover the proposed revenue requirement it is necessary to increase rates.
- 7. The primary rate drivers are: (1) funding reliability, regulatory, and growth infrastructure investments, including (a) the Distribution Integrity Management Program and (b) supporting growth and resiliency, and (2) inflationary increases in labor, benefits and system maintenance.

- 8. The 2025 proposed rate increase will result in total revenue of \$92.0 million, which is \$3.6 million or 4.0% higher than the projected revenues under current rates. The effect of this increase on the sample monthly Residential natural gas bill is an additional \$0.88 or 2.2% higher; as well as, 2.3% higher for Commercial customers and 2.4% higher for Industrial customers. Full details of the proposed rate increase are included in Utilities' filing.
- 9. Utilities performed its COS study following generally accepted ratemaking practices and proposed rates designed in compliance with all governing policies. Full details of rate changes can be found in Schedule 3 of the COS, included in Utilities' filing. Also available in Utilities' filing is the Utilities Board approved Rate Manual.
- Utilities proposed Natural Gas Rate Schedule COS driven changes impact individual rates as follows:
  - a) Commercial Service Large Firm and Large Firm Seasonal (G1CL, G8M, G1S) The Commercial Service Large Firm Seasonal (G1S) service is available as an option for general large commercial purposes. Currently, customers electing this option must consume 37% or more of their 12 billing periods Ccf (centum cubic feet) during the Summer period (May through October). Proposed changes include adjustments to the Access and Facilities Winter and Summer commodity charges. Currently, this rate class is 114% of cost of service which is outside the plus or minus 5% of COS study requirement per Rate Design (G-5) Guideline, 2. A. as defined in the Governance Policy Manual. The 5-year rate schedule will bring this variance within the 5% guideline in 2028 and at 100% cost of service in 2029.
  - b) Industrial Service Transportation Service Firm (G4T) The Industrial Transportation service is provided for customers who have contracted for an alternate source of gas supply and requested Utilities to transport such alternate gas for the customers. Currently, this rate class is 107% of cost of service which is outside the plus or minus 5% of COS study requirement per Rate Design (G-5) Guideline, 2. A. as defined in the Governance Policy Manual. The 5-year rate schedule will bring this variance within the 5% guideline in 2027 and at 100% cost of service in 2029.
  - c) All Other Natural Gas Rate Classes Additional information on rate schedule changes can be found in the COS on S3, the corresponding Worksheets, or within the Natural Gas Rate Schedules.
- 11. Utilities' proposed rate filing includes proposed natural gas rate increases, in addition to those effective January 1, 2025, to be effective January 1, 2026, January 1, 2027, January 1, 2028, and January 1, 2029. These proposed rates present similar, if not identical annual percentage increases to each natural gas rate, as the 2025 rates. The rationale and support for these changes are in-line with those listed for the 2025 proposed rates and are presented concurrently to enhance transparency and understanding.

- 12. In addition to the COS based rate changes, Utilities' filing includes proposed the following additional changes to the Natural Gas Rate Schedule:
  - a) **Industrial Service Interruptible (G2I, G3M)** Utilities' proposed tariff changes require customers to test their backup equipment before the heating season begins and removes the utility-conducted test event.
  - b) Industrial Service Interruptible Prescheduled (G3D) Utilities' proposed tariff changes require customers to test their backup equipment before the heating season begins and removes the utility-conducted test event. Additional proposed changes update the gas day and nominations with an administrative update to incorporate Central Time, which is the new standard resulting from a system upgrade.
  - c) Industrial Transportation Service Firm (G4T) Utilities' proposed tariff change introduces definitions for Long and Short Restricted Delivery Day (RDD) events. It also implements RDD imbalance charges for all over-delivered volumes during RDD Long events and for all under-delivered volumes during RDD Short events. Additional proposed changes update the gas day and nominations with an administrative update to incorporate Central Time, which is the new standard resulting from a system upgrade.
  - d) Contract Service Military Interruptible (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M) The proposed tariff changes require customers to test their backup equipment before the heating season begins and removes the utility-conducted test event. The additional proposed change updates the formalized name of military service installations to match current names.
- 13. In addition to the proposed Natural Gas Tariff revisions, Utilities' 2025 Rate Case filing also proposes changes to the Electric, Water, and Wastewater Rate Schedules and the URR.
- 14. The proposed effective dates for Utilities' tariff changes are: January 1, 2025, October 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, January 1, 2027, January 1, 2028, and January 1, 2029.
- 15. Utilities filed its tariff changes with the City Auditor, Mrs. Jacqueline Rowland on August 10, 2024, and with the City Attorney on August, 10, 2024. Utilities then filed the enterprise's formal proposals on September 10, 2024, with the City Clerk, Ms. Sarah Johnson, and a complete copy of the proposals was placed in the City Clerk's Office for public inspection. Notice of the filing was published on-line at www.csu.org on September 10, 2024, and in *The Gazette* on September 15, 2024. These various notices and filings comply with the requirements of §12.1.108 of the City Code and the applicable provision of the Colorado Revised Statutes. Copies of the published and mailed notices are contained within the record. Additional public notice was provided through Utilities' website,

www.csu.org, and a complete copy of the proposals was placed on that website for public inspection.

- 16. The information provided to City Council and held open for public inspection at the City Clerk's Office was supplemented by Utilities on October 15, 2024. The supplemental materials contained:
  - a) Updates to electric and natural gas rate schedules and sample bill calculations based on the Electric Cost Adjustment ("ECA") and Natural Gas Cost Adjustments ("GCA") rates, effective October 1, 2024;
  - b) Additional Electric Report information regarding load study data and data timelines;
  - c) The Office of the City Auditor's audit report;
  - d) The U.S. Department of Defense Notice of Intent to submit public comments;
  - e) The legal notice affidavit of publication; and
  - f) Public outreach information.
- 17. The City Auditor issued her findings on the proposed tariff changes prior to the rate hearing, dated October 2024, which found that the COS studies supporting the proposed base rate changes, effective January 1, 2025 for electric, gas, water, and wastewater services were prepared accurately and that the methodology changes were appropriately disclosed and within the tolerances approved by the Utilities Board. The City Auditor's single recommendation for improvement is to incorporate more comprehensive reporting related to capital spending into the I-2 report to the Utilities Board and to consider performing an annual review of actuals to forecast to determine if the proposed changes in the five-year rate plan are needed. Utilities agrees with the recommendation. A copy of that report is contained within the record.
- 18. On October 22, 2024, the City Council held a public hearing concerning the proposed changes to the Electric, Natural Gas, Water, and Wastewater Rate Schedules and URR. This hearing was conducted in accordance with §12.1.108 of the City Code, the procedural rules adopted by City Council, and the applicable provisions of state law.
- 19. City Council President Randy Helms commenced the rate hearing.
- 20. The presentations started with Mr. Christopher Bidlack, a Senior Attorney with the City Attorney's Office Utilities Division. Mr. Bidlack first presented the rate hearing agenda.

- 21. Mr. Bidlack then briefed City Council on its power to establish rates, charges, and regulations for Utilities' services. In setting rates, charges, and regulations for Utilities' services, City Council is sitting as a legislative body because the setting of rates, charges, and regulations is necessary to carry out existing legislative policy of operating the various utility systems. However, unlike other legislative processes, the establishment of rates, charges, and regulations is analogous to a quasi-judicial proceeding and requires a decision based upon evidence in the record and the process is not subject to referendum or initiative. Mr. Bidlack provided information on the statutory and regulatory requirements on rate changes. Rates for Water and Wastewater service must be reasonable and appropriate in light of all circumstances, City Code §12.1.108(F). Rates for Natural Gas and Electric service must be just, reasonable, sufficient, and not unduly discriminatory, City Code §12.1.108(E).
- 22. At the conclusion of his presentation, Mr. Bidlack polled the City Council Members concerning any *ex parte* communication that they may have had during the pendency of this proceeding. City Council indicated that no *ex parte* communications were received.
- 23. Mr. Scott Shirola, Utilities' Pricing and Rates Manager, provided the enterprise's proposals.
- 24. Mr. Shirola started by noting Utilities compliance with required procedural steps and summarizing the 2025 Rate Case filing overview. He noted the major categories of Utilities filing: (a) Building the Future Utilities' five-year plan for Electric, Natural Gas, Water, and Wastewater base rates; (b) Electric Rate Design Energy-Wise Time-of-Day Rates; and (c) System expansion and development fees.
- 25. Next, Mr. Shirola provided additional information on Utilities five-year plan, noting proposed annual increases of 6.5% for electric service, 4.0% for natural gas service, 6.5% for water service, and 9.0% for wastewater service. His presentation included a summary of communications with the community and financial markets in relation to the proposed five-year plan.
- 26. Mr. Shirola then provided context on the use of multi-year rate plans by utility entities across the country and the support they regularly receive as beneficial approaches, particularly the ability to spread rate impacts to customers over a period of years.
- 27. He explained how the proposed rates would remain competitive with other Front Range Utilities and provided rate comparisons with other Front Range Utilities, including noting several Front Range entities that are in the midst of multi-year rate plans. As of October 1, 2024, Utilities Residential customers pay 9.56% below the cost of average Front Range Utilities for a four-service utility bill and, as of July 2024, 16.6% below the national average for electric bills. He also provided sample bill impacts for residential, commercial, and industrial customers under the proposed five-year plan.

- 28. Councilmember Nancy Henjum asked Mr. Shirola why he thinks Utilities is so competitive in rates, both nationally and on the Front Range. Mr. Shirola's opinion is that Utilities is highly competitive because it (a) is able to create significant efficiencies as one of very few four service utilities, (b) maintains aggressive fuel cost recovery to avoid long term impacts of fuel market events, and (c) does not have the investment motivation that drives investor owned utilities. Councilmember Henjum then asked whether Utilities would have been better served to implement higher rates over the past 10-15 years. Mr. Shirola noted that while hindsight always shows some potential missed opportunities, Utilities has been effective in planning for changes and proposing rates during that time frame.
- 29. Mr. Shirola then addressed the proposed changes to Electric service. The 2025 Electric base rate drivers are (a) funding reliability, regulatory, and growth infrastructure investments, such as substations and transmission lines, Sustainable Energy Plan projects, and supporting growth and resiliency; and (b) inflationary increases in labor, benefits, and system maintenance. The total Electric proposed revenue from rates is \$395.6 million, which is \$24.2 million higher than revenue under current rates and represents an overall system increase of 6.5%. The proposed changes to each electric rate class over the five-year plan was provided and is available in Utilities' filing.
- 30. Then, Mr. Shirola presented Utilities' proposals for Natural Gas service. The 2025 Natural Gas base rate drivers are (a) funding reliability, regulatory, and growth infrastructure investments, including the Distribution Integrity Management Program and supporting growth and resiliency and (b) inflationary increases in labor, benefits, and system maintenance. The total Natural Gas proposed revenue from rates is \$92.0 million, which is \$3.6 million higher than revenue under current rates and represents an overall system increase of 4.0%. The proposed changes to each natural gas rate class over the five-year plan was provided and is available in Utilities' filing.
- 31. Mr. Shirola then moved on to Utilities' proposed Water service changes. The 2025 Water rate drivers are (a) funding reliability, regulatory, and growth infrastructure investments, including Sustainable Water Plan projects and supporting growth and resiliency and (b) inflationary increases in labor, benefits, and system maintenance. The total Water proposed revenue from rates is \$228.7 million which is \$13.9 million higher than revenue under current rates and represents an overall system increase of 6.5%. The proposed changes to each water rate class over the five-year plan was provided and is available in Utilities' filing.
- 32. To conclude discussion of the specific services, Mr. Shirola addressed the proposed changes to the Wastewater services. The 2025 Wastewater rate drivers are (a) funding reliability, regulatory, and growth infrastructure investments, including collection and treatment system rehabilitation and upgrades and supporting growth and resiliency and (b) inflationary increases in labor, benefits, and system maintenance. The total Wastewater proposed revenue from rates is \$79.7 million which is \$6.6 million higher than revenue under current rates and represents an overall system of increase 9.0%. The proposed

changes to each wastewater rate class over the five-year plan was provided and is available in Utilities' filing.

- 33. Mr. Shirola then summarized the impact of the proposed rate changes to a sample, fourservice Residential utility bill and showed the average annual impact of increases to the sample bill for the period of 2019-2024.
- 34. Following the specific presentation of rate changes, Mr. Shirola presented information on Utilities' other proposed tariff changes.
- 35. The most significant proposed change is Utilities proposal to implement time-of-day based electric rates through the Energy-Wise program. Utilities commenced the Energy-Wise project based on the transforming energy future of regulatory requirements, sustainable energy, community growth, and advancing technologies. The development started in 2018 and included Utilities' Energy Vision, Utilities Board workshops, and the Integrated Resource Planning process. Utilities' staff performed extensive research through peer utility interviews, use of consultants and industry groups, review of published reports and articles and review of other utilities' websites and bills. The center of the research was focused on how best to provide service to Utilities' customers.
- 36. Councilmember David Leinweber noted his view that the most important information in Utilities' presentation is the clear demonstration of the cost of providing energy during the on-peak period of 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Understanding that cost is key to understanding the need for the Energy-Wise program.
- 37. Energy-Wise rates can play a significant role in incentivizing customers to shift electric use to periods when demand is lower and the cost of providing electricity is cheaper. With Energy-Wise rates customers pay different rates for electricity based on the time-of-day it is used which more equitably recovers the costs of providing service to customers. The benefits of the Energy-Wise program include (a) additional customer control, (b) potential for bill savings, (c) a fair and equitable rate structure, (d) support for the transition to sustainable energy, and (e) reduced peak demands and costs.
- 38. Councilmember Dave Donelson commented that there will be a substantial number of customers who will see their bill decrease without having to make any changes to their energy use practices.
- 39. Under the Energy-Wise program, rates are lowest on weekdays before 5 p.m. and after 9 p.m., and anytime on weekends and select holidays. These times are called "off-peak." Rates are highest Monday through Friday from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. These are called "on-peak" times. Rates will be higher in summer when demand is highest (June-September) and lower in winter (October-May). Of note, only 12% of all hours each year are in the on-peak period.

- 40. The proposed implementation of the Energy-Wise program also (a) aligns the on-peak periods of Utilities' existing time-of-day rates, (b) transitions customers to the Energy-Wise rate as the default residential electric rate, (c) provides an optional Energy-Wise Plus rate option for most Residential, Commercial, and Industrial customers and Fixed Seasonal rate options for most Residential and Small Commercial customers, (d) restructures the commercial classes into three classes, and (e) adds a demand charge to medium and large commercial classes. The proposed changes would be effective October 1, 2025, following City Council approval following which customers will be transitioned onto the rate on a schedule established by Utilities.
- 41. Councilmember Henjum asked Mr. Shirola to explain the reason for the October 1, 2025, effective date for the Energy-Wise program. Mr. Shirola explained that it is based on both customer and operational needs. From the customer perspective, the next year will be used to communicate the changes, both through general communications and with customer customized communications. Operationally, the implementation of the program requires planning and work on many Utilities systems.
- 42. Councilmember Henjum then asked if she was correct that many customers will see positive offsets from the proposed changes. Mr. Shirola confirmed her statement and explained that approximately 50% of Residential customers will instantly save money on the transition. Those who will pay more, will pay about \$2.88 per month more than current rate. Additionally, tools will be available for customers to reduce their costs and customers can look at other options to evaluate if those provide them with a preferable energy option.
- 43. Utilities' proposal included a number of case studies designed to demonstrate that the Energy-Wise program is designed to be revenue neutral for Utilities and that roughly half of all Residential customers will pay less and half will pay more if behaviors remain static when compared to current rates. The evaluation also broke Residential customers into different segments to evaluate how the proposed rate would impact customers with different demographic profiles. There was not a major disparity between the multiple personas and the overall evaluation of all customers. Mr. Shirola also noted that the majority of customers will be able to save money through behavioral changes. Commercial classes had a similar distribution regarding the impact of the Energy-Wise rates.
- 44. The Energy-Wise portion of the presentation concluded with a summary of customer communication plans, designed to raise awareness, prepare for the change, and create readiness for the change.
- 45. President Helms then recessed the hearing for a ten minute break.
- 46. Mr. Shirola then presented the proposed non-rate Natural Gas changes: (a) elimination of Utilities conducted curtailment test event and the addition of expectation for customers to perform test of backup equipment prior to the heating season for the Interruptible Service Rates (Industrial, Industrial Prescheduled, Military); and (b) the addition of Long and Short

Restricted Delivery Day (RDD) event definitions, application of RDD Imbalance Charges for all over-delivered volumes during RDD Long events, and all under-delivered volumes during RDD Short events, and clarification of Central Time basis of nomination schedule for the Industrial Transportation Service Rate.

- 47. Mr. Shirola also noted clerical changes to reflect the revised names of Peterson Space Force Base and Cheyenne Mountain Space Force Station throughout Utilities' tariffs.
- 48. Mr. Shirola concluded the presentation on Utilities' proposed changes with the proposed changes to the URR. The proposed changes are:
  - a) Large Load Interconnection Study and Fee with the addition of requirement for Large Load Interconnection Studies for customers' requests for interconnection of loads equal to or greater than Electric – 5 MW, Natural Gas – 2.5 Dth per hour, and Water and Wastewater – .25 MGD, and the addition of Large Load Interconnection Studies Fees for customers request for interconnection of loads equal to or greater than Electric – 20 MW, Natural Gas – 10 Dth per hour, Water and Wastewater – 1 MGD.
  - b) Electric Line Extension Fees with the modification of electric single phase 100 amp and a 3-phase 200 amp fees to full cost per foot, addition of congested space fees, and replacement of 3-phase 600 amp revenue guarantee contracts with time and materials cost and option for recovery agreement.
  - c) Natural Gas Line Extension Fees with the replacement of 30% of estimated project cost fee for feasible natural gas main and service stubs with full cost per foot fee, replacement of 100% advance of estimated cost and refund contract for non-feasible natural gas main and service stubs with full cost per foot fee, replacement of 100% advance and refund contract for natural gas mainline extensions with full cost per foot fee and recovery agreement option, the addition of congested space fees, and the addition of time and materials cost for 150 psig mainline extensions and option for recovery agreement.
  - d) Updating several existing fees to full cost, including development application, Electric and Gas design, Water and Wastewater recovery agreement application and processing, hydraulic analysis, Water and Wastewater permits, connection and inspection, and Water tap fees.
  - e) The addition of new fees for service currently performed without fees, including construction drawing review, Wastewater analysis report, and annexation application review.

- f) Water and Wastewater Recovery Agreements with the addition of optional alternate Unit Recovery Charge computation method incorporating compound interest factor which is available by request when minimum requirements are met.
- g) Clerical revisions.
- 49. Next, Mr. Shirola provided a summary of Utilities customer outreach, which included communication through the csu.org website, electronic customer newsletters (First Source (business customers) and CONNECTION (residential customers)), one-on-one meetings with large business customers, community and customer group presentations, Utilities Board and City Council meetings, and social media channels.
- 50. To conclude, Mr. Shirola listed the customer assistance avenues available to customers struggling to pay their utility bills. Resources include bill assistance through (a) Low-Income Energy Assistance Program (LEAP) Nov Apr and Project COPE, (b) payment options such as payment plans and pick my payment date, (c) free efficiency home upgrades, and (d) rebates.
- 51. Mrs. Rowland then provided comments on her review of Utilities' proposals as the City Auditor. Mrs. Rowland explained that her office reviews proposed rates with each annual rate case. This year's case was a particularly large review given the five-year plan. The City Auditor's Office reviewed Utilities' filing and COS for accuracy of the data and proposals and found no concerns with Utilities' data or calculations. Mrs. Rowland noted her appreciation for the strong working relationship between her office and Utilities. Her report had one recommendation for Utilities, additional capital reporting to ensure transparent monitoring. She also noted that her report did not include an audit of the Energy-Wise program, but that it would be monitored in the future.
- 52. Councilmember Henjum commented that the Utilities Board Finance Committee plans to take Mrs. Rowland's reporting recommendation as an action item and will evaluate methods to improve the reporting process.
- 53. After Utilities' presentation, President Helms opened the floor for public comment.
- 54. First to speak was Ms. Johnna Reeder Kleymeyer, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Colorado Springs Chamber and EDC. Ms. Kleymeyer spoke in favor of Utilities' proposed changes. She noted that utility infrastructure is a key component of bringing new business to the community, particularly when sites are fully equipped prior to a company moving to the region.
- 55. Next, Mr. Barry Baum provided comments. Mr. Baum noted that he was asked to review Utilities' rate filing by Utilities Chief Financial Officer, Tristan Gearhart, based on Mr. Baum's interest as a citizen advocate. Mr. Baum filed comments with the City Clerk and provided a brief summary of his comments. He started by noting his appreciation for the

work Utilities completed in preparing the five-year plan, but explained he does not support the approach. He believes rates should be approved in one-to-two-year increments as there is too much variability to confidently predict five years' worth of need and costs; and he expects customer use to decrease with increased rates. Mr. Baum also disagrees with Utilities contention that it is competitive with other similar cities and that the proposed changes will further increase the disparity of competitiveness. He concluded by requesting Utilities to explore the potential to acquire energy from investor owned utilities, such as Xcel Energy.

- 56. Prior to the last customer speaker, President Helms explained that he had committed to giving the speaker 15 minutes to present, and while he now believes doing so was an error, he would honor the time.
- 57. The last customer commentor then spoke. Mr. Kyle Smith, General Attorney U.S. Army Legal Services Agency, spoke on behalf of the military bases served by Utilities, noting the bases substantial contributions to the economy of Colorado Springs and large payments made annually to Utilities. The military has strong carbon free energy goals and commends Utilities work with the military in striving for those goals. However, the military (1) is concerned with the impact to rates of Utilities proposed five-year rate plan, (2) does not believe that it is prudent to implement five years of rate changes without interim review, (3) is concerned that Utilities will struggle to complete all of the planned projects in the timeline given, and (4) recommends approving no more than two years of rate changes at the current time.
- 58. Following the opportunity for public comment, President Helms opened the floor to questions or comments from City Council.
- 59. The first several comments from City Council were directed to Mr. Smith, as a representative of the Department of Defense.
- 60. Councilmember Mike O'Malley responded to Mr. Smith, first by asking for the distinction between an executive order and a law. Mr. Smith noted laws are general applicability, compared to executive orders which are applicable only to federal agencies. Councilmember O'Malley then expressed his frustrations regarding the unfunded renewable energy mandates placed on Utilities by the State of Colorado, as well as, the Department of Defense's push for higher mandates without realistic cost expectations. Councilmember O'Malley concluded by expressing his support for Utilities proposals as the best solution to a difficult situation.
- 61. President Helms next addressed Mr. Smith, expressing his support for Utilities' five-year plan based on the need to look to the future and have a set plan when dealing with the regulatory requirements placed on Utilities. He also expressed his belief that those in Washington D.C. do not have the best view on what is appropriate for local matters in Colorado Springs.

- 62. Mr. Smith responded that he represents the local interests of the military installations served by Utilities.
- 63. Councilmember Donelson next commented on Mr. Smith's remarks, noting his perception of the irony in the Department of Defense's request for carbon free energy that requires Utilities to retire assets and bring on new renewable resources, but to then object to the cost of doing so.
- 64. Mr. Smith noted that the executive order requirements he discussed are applicable to the military installations and are not mandates to Utilities.
- 65. Councilmember Henjum asked Utilities to address the comments that Mr. Smith's presentation made regarding the financial pressures Utilities faces.
- 66. Mr. Gearhart responded for Utilities. He expressed his recognition that the five-year plan is very large and his belief that it is the most responsible approach to funding over the next five-years. The structure is designed to ensure a plan that supports funding for the projects Utilities must engage in. He also noted that rating agencies have expressed support for the approach as the best method for Utilities to maintain its high credit ratings.
- 67. Councilmember Henjum then asked Mr. Gearhart to respond to the comments provided by Mr. Baum and noted that even with approval of the five-year plan, City Council could direct Utilities to propose rate changes next year.
- 68. Mr. Gearhart expressed his appreciation for Mr. Baum's time and engagement, but explained why he disagrees with the comments Mr. Baum provided. Mr. Gearhart provided Utilities' previous approach to water rates for the Southern Delivery System as a real-life example of the effectiveness of a multi-year rate plan. In that situation, Utilities was even able to reduce the planned rate increases due to costs coming in under projections. He also noted that Utilities will report on the capital progress to the Utilities Board at regular intervals, with those reports including any potential need for subsequent rate changes.
- 69. Mr. Travas Deal, Utilities Chief Executive Officer, provided additional comments for Utilities. Mr. Deal noted his confidence in Utilities' financial projections over the five-year plan, particularly because of the need to work backwards from regulatory requirements to establish current needs and the fairly clear expectations on project costs based on proactive work Utilities is performing. He emphasized the significant amount of work Utilities performed to be confident in its projections. Mr. Deal also responded to Mr. Baum's request that Utilities request provision of energy from Xcel Energy. Mr. Deal explained that Utilities has explored the potential to purchase energy from an investor owned utility and that no such utilities responded to Utilities' related request for proposal.

- 70. Councilmember Henjum then expressed her support for Utilities proposals as the best approach to address the regulatory, reliability, and growth drivers impacting Utilities. She also acknowledged the impact the rate changes will have on individual customers.
- 71. Mr. Gearhart replied that Utilities is cognizant of the impact the rate changes will have on customers and that he and Utilities staff have met with many customers to understand their perspectives.
- 72. Next, Mr. Gearhart provided an additional comment in relation to Mr. Baum's comment that Utilities is not competitive with other utilities. Mr. Gearhart confirmed his confidence in the comparison data provided by Utilities and expressed his belief that the comparison data reference by Mr. Baum was based on limited, outdated information. He also emphasized the value of a municipally owned utility when looking at the overall comparisons between utility providers.
- 73. Councilmember Henjum then noted that a customer she spoke with was not concerned with how Utilities' rates compare to other utilities, but just the cost they would pay as a Utilities customer. Councilmember Henjum asked Utilities to address the value of rate comparisons.
- 74. Mr. Deal explained that comparing Utilities to other similar utility providers is valuable as it demonstrates that Utilities is driving to keep costs as low as possible while facing the same regulatory burdens as other similarly situated utilities.
- 75. Councilmember Michelle Talarico commented that she is concerned about the impact of the Energy-Wise program on hospitality industry customers and asked Utilities to comment on potential options for those customers.
- 76. Mr. Shirola confirmed that hospitality customers would receive customized communications and consulting from Utilities regarding the customer's options and that, along with residential customers, small commercial customers will have the option of the Fixed Seasonal electric rate.
- 77. President Helms determined that neither a break nor executive session were necessary.
- 78. Mr. Bidlack then polled City Council regarding the issues central to the Electric, Natural Gas, Water, and Wastewater Rate Schedules and the URR. Per City Council's request, Mr. Bidlack did not present every Issue for Decision, but instead asked that City Council indicate approval of Utilities' proposals as a whole, while noting any exceptions. City Council indicated approval and did not note any exceptions.
- 79. Mr. Bidlack then restated the future schedule for Utilities' rate filing, with the draft Decisions and Orders being presented to City Council for review prior to November 12, 2024, and for final approval on November 12, 2024.

- 80. The following are the proposed changes and the votes by City Council addressing the Natural Gas Tariff:
  - a) Is an increase to the Natural Gas Service revenues of \$3.6 million for 2025, \$3.7 million for 2026, \$3.8 million for 2027, \$4.1 million for 2028, and \$4.2 million for 2029 appropriate based on the 2025 rate case test-year period?

The City Council held an increase to the Natural Gas Service revenues of \$3.6 million for 2025, \$3.7 million for 2026, \$3.8 million for 2027, \$4.1 million for 2028, and \$4.2 million for 2029 is appropriate.

- b) Should rates and tariffs for the following Natural Gas Service Rate Schedules be revised as proposed:
  - i. Residential Service Firm
  - ii. Commercial Service Small Firm
  - iii. Commercial Service Large Firm
  - iv. Industrial Service Interruptible
  - v. Industrial Transportation Service Firm
  - vi. Contract Service Military Firm
  - vii. Contract Service Military Interruptible

The City Council held that the rates and tariff for the following Natural Gas Service Rate Schedules shall be revised as proposed: 1) Residential Service – Firm; 2) Commercial Service – Small Firm; 3) Commercial Service – Large Firm; 4) Industrial Service – Interruptible; 5) Industrial Transportation Service – Firm; 6) Contract Service – Military Firm; and 7) Contract Service – Military Interruptible.

c) Should Utilities modify the Interruptible Service for Industrial Service – Interruptible (G2I, G3M), Industrial Prescheduled (G3D), and Contract Service – Interruptible (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M) rate schedules to eliminate Utilities conducted curtailment test event and clarify customer test requirement of backup equipment?

The City Council held that Utilities shall modify the Interruptible Service for Industrial Service – Interruptible (G2I, G3M), Industrial Prescheduled (G3D), and Contract Service – Interruptible (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M) rate schedules to eliminate Utilities conducted curtailment test event and clarify customer test requirement of backup equipment.

d) Should Utilities modify the natural gas rate schedules related to Industrial Service – Transportation Firm (G4T) to add Long and Short Restricted Delivery Day events

(RDD), application of RDD Imbalance Charges and clarification of central time basis of nomination schedule?

The City Council held that Utilities shall modify the natural gas rate schedules related to Industrial Service – Transportation Firm (G4T) to add Long and Short Restricted Delivery Day events (RDD), application of RDD Imbalance Charges and clarification of central time basis of nomination schedule.

e) Should Utilities modify the Contract Service – Military Firm (GCS-FIRM) and Contract Service – Military Interruptible (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M) rate schedules to reflect the revised name of Peterson Space Force Base?

The City Council held that Utilities shall modify the Contract Service – Military Firm (GCS-FIRM) and Contract Service – Military Interruptible (GCS-INTS, GCS-G7M) rate schedules to reflect the revised name of Peterson Space Force Base.

81. President Helms then concluded the 2025 Rate Case Hearing.

# ORDER

THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

The Natural Gas Tariff sheets as attached to the Resolution are adopted and will be effective on and after January 1, 2025, January 1, 2026, January 1, 2027, January 1, 2028, and January 1, 2029, as applicable. Such tariff sheets shall be published and held open for public review and shall remain effective until changed by subsequent Resolution duly adopted by the City Council.

Dated this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2024.

CITY OF COLORADO SPRINGS

Council President

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