

**DEFAULT SERVICE  
SCHEDULE DS**

AVAILABILITY

Service hereunder shall be available to any customer, taking firm gas distribution service, who has not chosen Supplier Service. Customers seeking to return to Default Service from Supplier Service may be eligible for service hereunder in accordance with the Company's Distribution Service Terms and Conditions.

CHARACTER OF SERVICE

Natural gas or a mixture of natural gas and manufactured gas at a nominal pressure of 0.18 psig at the point of delivery and containing at least 1000 Btu per cubic foot.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Service under this Schedule is subject to the Company's Distribution Service Terms and Conditions, in effect from time to time, where not consistent with any specific provisions herein.

DEFAULT SERVICE CHARGES

The charge for Default Service shall be the Company's Seasonal Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause rates ("CGAC") as in effect from time to time. The date on which the charge for Default Service becomes effective shall coincide with the effective date of the seasonal CGAC.

CUSTOMER NOTIFICATION

The Company will design a notice which explains in simple terms to Customers the rate for Default Service and the nature of any change in the rate. The Company will submit this notice for approval by the Department at the time of each CGAC filing. Upon approval by the Department, the Company shall immediately distribute these notices to all of its Customers taking Default Service either through direct mail or with its bills.

BILLING

The charge for Default Service shall be included on the bill for Firm Gas Distribution Service under a separate heading entitled "Supplier Charges".

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FARM CREDIT

Customers who qualify as person or corporations engaged in the business of agriculture or farming, as defined pursuant to section 1A of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, shall receive a credit of ten percent from the otherwise applicable charges. The credit shall be applied to the full Default Service Charge. The credit will be recalculated as required to maintain the ten percent discount from these charges as in effect from time to time.