

An Ordinance Establishing Rates for Natural Gas Service in Carroll County, Virginia

Whereas, Virginia Code Title 15.2, Chapter 21 and specifically Va. Code 15.2-2109 authorizes local governments to operate public utilities, including natural gas works; and,

Whereas, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors has had a natural gas works built by the Industrial Development Authority of Carroll County and conveyed to the County for operation of such works, including connecting users to such system and either selling natural gas to such users or transporting natural gas through the system to such users; and,

Whereas, the Carroll County Board of Supervisors has determined to establish utility rates, as authorized in the Carroll County Code, Chapter 2, Section 2-285, for the connection of users to the Carroll County Natural Gas system and the sale of natural gas or the use of such works for the transportation of natural gas to certain users and has, after public hearing, duly advertised, determined to adopt this Ordinance concerning the provision of natural gas service and the rates therefore.

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED THE ADOPTION OF THIS ORDINANCE ON APRIL 8, 2013 at the REGULAR MEETING OF THE CARROLL COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WITH ALL MEMBERS PRESENT

David Hutchins – BOS Chair

Gary Larrowe - Clerk

Definitions

All terms used herein are considered to have common public utility application. They are neither unique to the County of Carroll, nor are they meant to be subjected to precise scientific definition.

Character of Service – All delivery of natural gas under this rate schedule shall be on a firm basis.

Commercial- Activities related to the conduct or operation of a business enterprise, including a course of dealings which requires time attention and labor of the person so engaged for the purpose of earning revenue and includes, without limitation, any business, trade, profession, occupation or calling whether for profit or non-profit; a building or structure used in the operation of a business enterprise, whether for profit or non-profit. Examples of commercial uses include, but are not limited to, stores for the sale of goods or services, repair establishments, offices, sales and/or service enterprises, churches, libraries, convalescent homes, nursing homes, schools, florists and greenhouses, medical clinics, veterinary offices, signs, clubs and lodges, funeral homes, banks and savings and loan associations, animal boarding facilities and other, like activities.

County – The County of Carroll, Virginia.

County Gate – The facility at which the Utility receives delivery of natural gas from the Patriot Natural Gas Pipeline.

Consumption – The amount of service used over a given period of time as measured by a meter.

Cubic Foot – The unit of natural gas volume measured by a Customer meter.

Customer – The individual, firm, or organization that purchases service at a specific location under a specific rate classification, contract, or Rate Schedule.

Customer Charge – The established fixed fee necessary to cover meter reading, billing, and other general service costs.

Customer Class – Specified category determined by the nature of the Customer's operations and type of service required.

Distribution Charge – The charge per therm of natural gas delivered by Utility to a customer.

Firm – Gas distribution service that does not anticipate interruptions other than during emergencies.

Industrial- Activities related to the production or manufacture of goods, tangible or intangible; a building or structure related to the manufacture of such goods. Examples of industrial uses include, but are not limited to facilities where items are created or that manufacture textiles, apparel and other finished products made from fabrics, leather and similar materials, bakery products manufacturing, blending, mixing and compounding of manufactured goods, bottling and canning facilities, cold storage, dry cleaning plants, major repair facilities, recycling facilities, printing and publishing facilities, warehouses, metal fabrication, forging, extrusion and like activities.

Month – Not a calendar month, but instead the interval between successive regular meter reading dates. This can range from 26 to 35 calendar days.

Natural Gas Cost - The cost of natural gas from the selected marketer multiplied by factor of 1.2.

Residential or Dwelling- Activities relating to dwelling units where individuals live. Examples include, but are not limited to single family residences, apartment houses, boarding houses, townhouses, or like structures. Where a residence includes a place of business, such as a home occupation, the residence shall constitute a commercial structure.

Therm – The unit of natural gas measurement used for billing purposes that takes into account not only volume, or cubic feet of gas consumed, but also the energy or heat content of the gas as determined by its chemical qualities.

Transportation – The act of moving gas from a designated receipt point to a designated delivery point.

Transportation Capacity – The amount of transportation rights a customer has on an interstate natural gas pipeline. For firm delivery.

Transportation Gas – Natural gas that is purchased by Utility's Customer directly from a producer or marketer, to be distinguished from consumer gas which is purchased by Utility for ultimate sale to the consumer, and is carried by Utility from the County Gate, through the distribution grid to Customer's meter, for a fee.

Utility – Refers to the Carroll County Natural Gas operation, or any division thereof.

Rates:

Residential Gas Service

APPLICABILITY: Available for individually metered dwelling units.

CONNECTION FEE: \$1,250

MONTHLY RATE: Is equal to the total of the following:

Customer Charge	\$24.00 per meter
Distribution Charge	\$0.3350 per therm
Local Adjustment Rider	5% of Natural Gas Cost
Natural Gas Cost	Cost of NG x 1.4

MINIMUM CHARGE: The minimum charge shall be the Customer Charge.

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT: The Distribution Charges specified in the Monthly Rate are subject to the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rider, which is incorporated herein by reference.

LOCAL ADJUSTMEN RIDER: This rate is subject to the Local Adjustment Rider of 5% charge for Natural Gas.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE: A late payment charge of 10% will be applied to the balance of any account not paid by the close of business on the 20th day of the following month.

RECONNECTION CHARGE: There shall be a charge for reconnection of services of \$75.00 plus the past due balance.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES: Charges for additional services provided shall be made on the basis of the Miscellaneous Services requested on a per individual hourly rate of \$45.00.

THERM FACTOR: Meters registering in cubic feet or any denomination thereof are subject to a monthly therm factor adjustment as set forth in the Therm Factor Rider, which is incorporated herein by reference.

TERM OF SERVICE: Continuous until Customer notice.

DEPOSIT: Fee of \$25.00 per meter.

Commercial Gas Service

APPLICABILITY: Available for firm commercial service customers.

CONNECTION CHARGE: \$2,300

MONTHLY RATE: Is equal to the total of the following:

Customer Charge	\$37.20 per meter
Distribution Charge	\$0.3350 per therm
Natural Gas Cost	Cost of NG x 1.4
Local Adjustment Rider	5% of Natural Gas Cost

MINIMUM CHARGE: The minimum charge shall be the Customer Charge.

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT: The Distribution Charges specified in the Monthly Rate are subject to the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rider, which is incorporated herein by reference.

LOCAL ADJUSTMENT RIDER: This rate is subject to the Local Adjustment Rider of 5% charge for Natural Gas.

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE: A late payment charge of 10% will be applied to the balance of any account not paid by the close of business on the 20th day of the following month.

RECONNECTION CHARGE: There shall be a charge for reconnection of services of \$150.00 plus the past due balance.

MISCELLANEOUS SERVICE CHARGES: Charges for additional services provided shall be made on the basis of the Miscellaneous Services requested on a per individual hourly rate of \$45.00.

THERM FACTOR: Meters registering in cubic feet or any denomination thereof are subject to a monthly therm factor adjustment as set forth in the Therm Factor Rider, which is incorporated herein by reference.

TERM OF SERVICE: Customers must remain on this Rate Schedule for a period of no less than 12 months before switching service unless it is determined by the County that Customer no longer qualifies for this service.

DEPOSIT: Fee of \$25.00 per meter.

Industrial Gas Service

APPLICABILITY: Available for firm industrial service customers

CONNECTION FEE: \$4,600

MONTHLY RATE: Is equal to the total of the following:

Customer Charge	\$450 per meter
Distribution Charge	\$0.305 per therm
Local Adjustment Rider	5% of total cost of service
Natural Gas Cost	Cost of NG x 1.4

MINIMUM CHARGE: The minimum charge shall be the Customer Charge.

PURCHASED GAS ADJUSTMENT: The Distribution Charges specified in the Monthly Rate are subject to the Purchased Gas Adjustment (PGA) Rider, which is incorporated herein by reference.

LOCAL ADJUSTMENT RIDER: This rate is subject to the Local Adjustment Rider of 5% charge for Natural Gas.

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RECONNECTION CHARGE: There shall be a charge for reconnection of services of \$75.00 plus the past due balance.

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DEPOSIT: Fee of \$25.00 per meter.

Rates: Continued

Carroll County reserves the right to provide special rates for Industrial Customers for the purposes of Capital Investment and Job Creation/ Retention for Economic Development Purposes.

Carroll County also reserves the right to provide special rates for Industrial Customers who have a constant demand of 100 or more Therms per day and purchase their own Natural Gas from a Marketer and the Carroll County Natural Gas System is a transporter of the Customer’s Natural Gas.

Policies

The provision of service shall be subject to the policies adopted and, from time to time amended, by action of the Carroll County Board of Supervisors and available in the offices of the County of Carroll Administrator and/or the Natural Gas Utilities Specialist.

Miscellaneous Services - Natural Gas

Carroll County provides a variety of services at the Customer's request. Services are charged on the basis of the following fees:

<u>Miscellaneous Services</u>	<u>Fees</u>
Returned Check/Draft Charge	\$35.00
Delinquent Processing Fee	\$36.00
Late Payment Penalty	10% /month
Turn On Gas Service - Seasonal	\$30.00
Turn Off Gas Service - Seasonal	\$30.00
Gas Service Restoration - Non-Pay	\$50.00
Unauthorized Meter Operation	\$150.00
Removal of Unauthorized Meter	\$150.00
Gas Meter Replacement	\$150.00

LATE PAYMENT CHARGE: Unless bill is paid within fifteen (15) days from due date, or on or before expiration date as shown on bill, 10% will be added to the amount of the bill.