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GENERAL STATEMENT

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The following Rules and Regulations, filed with The Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado as part of the natural gas tariff of the Company, set forth the terms and conditions under which natural gas service is supplied and govern all classes of service in all territory served by the Company. They are subject to termination, change, or modification, in whole or in part, at any time as provided by the rules of said Commission.

Service furnished by the Company is also subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Public Utilities Commission of the State of Colorado. Copies of the Company's rules are available for any customer's inspection at the offices of the Company.

Any waiver at any time of the Company's rights or privileges under these Rules and Regulations will not be deemed a waiver as to any breach or other matter subsequently occurring.

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These Rules and Regulations set forth the Distribution Extension Policy in all territory served by the Company.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

The provisions of this policy are subject to the applicable Rules of the Commission and to the Company's Rules and Regulations on file with the Commission.

An Applicant is an individual person or persons requesting gas service on or after the effective date of this Gas Tariff, who owns the property requiring such service, including the legal entity, builder, developer, corporation, limited partnership or any person having legal authority over the property. This Distribution Extension Policy applies to Applicants that execute a Facilities Extension Agreement on or after the effective date of this Gas Tariff.

Grandfathered Applicants are those Residential or Commercial Applicants who request extensions and execute a Distribution Main Extension or Construction Agreement prior to the effective date of this Gas Tariff. Additional terms and conditions that apply to distribution extensions for Grandfathered Applicants are set forth in the Service Lateral Extension and Distribution Main Extension Policy section of this Gas Tariff.

Where natural gas service is to be supplied by the Company from a transmission main that is not a Company-owned Transmission Main, all requests for such service are subject to the approval of the pipeline company owning the particular transmission main and to the rules of such pipeline company pertinent to the location of the transmission main, tap, etc. The Company also reserves the right to limit the location and number of or to reject applications for service requiring transmission main taps. The Company is not responsible for the continued delivery of gas to Customers served therefrom should the pipeline company reroute, abandon, or otherwise discontinue use of the transmission main or should operating conditions be so changed as to make the supplying of service directly therefrom too hazardous, difficult or impractical, in opinion of the Company, to be continued.

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When one (1) or more Applicants request gas service at premises not connected to the Company's distribution system or request an increase or change in service to premises already connected where such increase or change necessitates additional Company investment, the Company, after consideration of Applicant's gas requirements, will designate the service requested as Permanent, Indeterminate, or Temporary in accordance with the definitions hereinafter set forth. The provisions of this policy are applicable to extending service to both Residential and Commercial Applicants.

The Company will provide Applicants with expected installation timeframes and will construct service extensions in accordance with this policy. The Company shall make all reasonable efforts to complete Applicant requests within such timeframes under normal circumstances and conditions. The Company shall provide periodic status updates to the Applicant throughout the construction process.

The determination of facility type and routing will be made by Company consistent with the characteristics of the territory in which service is to be rendered and the nature of Company's existing facilities in the area.

In all cases, the facilities provided will be constructed by the Company or its designated agent in accordance with the Company's construction specifications, standards, and procedures, and shall be, at all times, the property of the Company on the gas supply side of the Point of Delivery.

Agreements for service will be based upon Company's estimate of the cost of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply the service requested by Applicant. Such cost will include the cost of all materials, labor, rights-of-way, trench and backfill, environmental remediation, permitting, etc., together with all incidental and overhead expenses connected therewith. Where special items, not incorporated in said specifications, are required to meet construction conditions, including but not limited to frost conditions, rock conditions etc., the cost thereof will also be included, either in the initial estimate or at a time subsequent thereafter as conditions may change as determined by Company.

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In cases where another utility has a distribution main of adequate capacity closer than existing Company facilities to Applicant's requested point of service and the application of this Distribution Extension Policy, including the Uneconomic Extension section herein, would result in unreasonable economic hardship to Applicant(s), the Company may, under its sole discretion, enter into an temporary agreement with the neighboring utility to allow that utility to temporarily provide service to Applicant until such time as Company is able to serve Applicant. This temporary change to the service territory boundary between the Company and the neighboring utility is subject to approval by the Commission.

There are four (4) separate agreements corresponding to the type of service extension(s) requested by the Applicant. These include:

- 1) Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement. The cost responsibility of the Applicant under this Agreement will be based upon Company's estimate of the cost of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension requested by Applicant, less an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit.
- 2) On-Site Distribution Extension Agreement. The cost responsibility of the Applicant under this Agreement will be either 1) based upon standardized per lot costs of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply service to single family and townhome lots requested by Applicant (average of sixty feet (60 ft.) or less frontage) and/or 2) based upon Company's estimate of the cost of constructing and installing other facilities necessary to adequately supply the On-Site Distribution Extension requested by Applicant (including but not limited to single family and townhome lots more than an average of sixty feet (60 ft.) frontage, non-standard load and construction requirements, and commercial facilities), less a Construction Allowance.



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- 3) Residential Service Lateral Agreement. The cost responsibility of the Applicant under this Agreement will be based upon the length of the lateral, with Residential Applicants receiving a one hundred feet (100 ft.) allowance and a standardized per foot cost thereafter for extensions longer than one hundred feet (100 ft.).
- 4) Commercial Service Lateral Agreement. The cost responsibility of the Applicant under this Agreement will be based upon the Company's estimate of the cost of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply the Commercial Service Lateral requested by Applicant, less a Commercial Service Lateral Credit.

Models of each of the four (4) standard Facilities Extension Agreements, as well as model governmental versions, as appropriate, of the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement, On-Site Distribution Agreement, and Commercial Service Lateral Agreement shall remain on file with the Commission.

DEFINITION OF TERMS

Applicant - Individual person or persons requesting gas service on or after the effective date of this Gas Tariff, who own the property requiring such service, including the legal entity, builder, developer, corporation, limited partnership or any person having legal authority over the property.

Commercial Applicant - For purposes of this extension policy, a Commercial Applicant is an Applicant who requests service for themselves or on behalf of future Customers that will take service under the following Commercial and Industrial Rate Schedules: Schedules CSG, CLG, IG, TFS, TFL, and TI.



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Commercial Service Lateral Agreement - An agreement between the Company and the Applicant that sets forth the terms and conditions of providing the requested Commercial Service Lateral in addition to this Distribution Extension Policy. The cost responsibility of the Applicant under this Agreement will be based upon the Company's estimate of the cost of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply the service requested by the Applicant, less a Commercial Service Lateral Credit.

Commercial Service Lateral Credit - A credit applied to an Applicant's Construction Costs for a Commercial Service Lateral. The amount is listed on the sheet entitled Construction Costs and Credits in this Gas Tariff.

Compressor Station - A Compressor Station is a compression facility that is installed, owned and maintained by the Company for the purpose of compressing natural gas.

Construction Allowance - The amount as listed on the sheet entitled Construction Allowance by Service Class in this Gas Tariff. Construction Allowances apply to On-Site Distribution Extension Agreements and may apply to Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreements as set forth herein.

Construction Payment - Amount advanced prior to construction, except as otherwise provided herein, by Applicant to pay all Construction Costs in excess of Construction Allowance and/or Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit and/or Commercial Service Lateral Credit and/or Transportation Credit.

Distribution Extension Facilities - The facilities associated with the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, On-Site Distribution Extension, Residential Service Lateral Extension, Commercial Service Lateral Extension, or Distribution Reinforcement necessary for gas service at premises not connected to the Company's distribution system or for an increase in service to premises already connected where such increase necessitates additional investment, which requires an extension. An Off-Site Distribution Main Extension may include a Transmission Main as determined by Company in its reasonable discretion.

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Distribution Main - Natural gas pipeline operated by the Company, located downstream of the transmission areas, that may be smaller in diameter and operate at lower pressures than the Company's Transmission Main.

Distribution Reinforcement - Increase in size of existing facilities necessitated by Applicant's estimated gas requirements associated with Distribution Extension Facilities.

Estimated Construction Costs or Construction Costs - The estimated costs of all facilities necessary to construct and install the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, On-Site Distribution Extension, Service Lateral Extension, or Distribution Reinforcement, including satisfactory rights-of-way and shall not include or be determined with reference to provision for additional capacity, size or strength in excess of that necessary to meet the requirements of the Company's standards required to serve the load. Standardized costs may be utilized as the estimated cost for certain On-Site Distribution Extensions and Service Lateral Extensions as stated throughout this Distribution Extension Policy. Necessary costs shall be determined with the Company's standard unit construction costs.

Extension Completion Date - The date on which the construction of an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, On-Site Distribution Extension, Service Lateral Extension, or Distribution Reinforcement is completed as shown by the Company's records.

Facilities Extension Agreement - A general term for the agreements between the Company and Applicant that set forth the terms and conditions of providing the requested extension service in addition to this Distribution Extension Policy. The Company has four (4) such agreements: 1) Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement, 2) On-Site Distribution Extension Agreement, 3) Residential Service Lateral Agreement, and 4) Commercial Service Lateral Agreement.



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Farm Tap - A tap and small meter station connected by the Company to a Transmission Main that serves one or more Customers of a LDC Customer having a peak day flow not to exceed 250 dekatherms per day. The Company shall install, own, operate and maintain the meter for service to the Company's Customers; however, a LDC Customer shall install, own, operate and maintain the meter for service to its Customers.

Frontage - The per foot length across the front or back of a lot (depending where the Company's facilities are located), from property line to property line.

Grandfathered Applicants - Residential or Commercial Applicants who requested extensions and executed a Distribution Main Extension Agreement and/or a Construction Agreement prior to the effective date of this Gas Tariff.

Incremental Service Charge - An Incremental Service Charge is the revenue requirement factor expressed as an annual percentage as approved by the Commission in the latest Phase II Rate Case to cover the on-going costs for insurance, reserve for replacement, license and fees, taxes, operation and maintenance, and appropriate allocable administrative expenses associated with the facilities installed. The monthly Incremental Service Charge without a capital component shall be eleven percent (11%) divided by twelve (12). In addition, the Incremental Service Charge may also include a capital component in the event that the LDC Customer and the Company agree that the Company will advance the LDC Customer the Construction Costs in excess of the Construction Allowance. The Incremental Service Charge shall be billed monthly and applied by multiplying the applicable revenue requirement factor for the type of facilities installed times the cost of the facilities divided by twelve (12).

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Indeterminate Service - Service for gas On-Site Distribution Extensions, Off-Site Distribution Main Extensions, and Service Lateral Extensions for service which is of an indefinite or indeterminate nature, as determined by the Company, such as that required by, but not limited to (a) speculative commercial development of property for sale; (b) mines, quarries, sand pits, oil wells, and other enterprises of more or less speculative characteristics; or (c) all other service to which neither Permanent Service nor Temporary Service is applicable.

Local Distribution Company Customer or LDC Customer - A Customer in the business of distributing and selling gas to retail Customers in Colorado that operates a gas pipeline system that is interconnected with and receives gas deliveries from the Company's System.

LDC Meter Station - An LDC Meter Station is a metering facility other than a Farm Tap that is installed, owned, and maintained by either the Company or a LDC Customer for the purpose of measuring deliveries of natural gas from the Company to the LDC Customer. An LDC Meter Station shall consist of one or more meters or measurement devices and piping, and may include valves, straightening vanes, filters or strainers, instruments, control lines, pressure regulating equipment, telemetry, and housing.

Meter Location - The physical location of the gas meter measuring the amount of gas supplied to Customer. Meter Locations in all instances will be determined by Company and will be located so as to be accessible to Company's meter readers or meter reading equipment at all times.

Meter Piping - Pipe and fittings necessary to extend from the end of a Service Lateral Extension to the meter location, including the pipe extending from the initial meter location to additional locations in the same building except in the case of a meter header.

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Methodology for Calculation of Construction Allowance - The methodology used for the calculation of Construction Allowance is based on two and three-quarters (2.75) times estimated annual non-fuel revenue. The methodology is subject to review and appropriate revisions by filing of new Construction Allowances in the Construction Allowances by Service Class in this Gas Tariff with the Commission. The Company may file for such revisions annually.

Off-Site Distribution Main Extension - Distribution Mains or Transmission Mains, including all appurtenant facilities, except meters, meter installations and Customer regulator facilities, necessary to supply service to Applicants and subsequent Applicants. An Off-Site Distribution Main Extension may include a Transmission Main as determined by Company in its reasonable discretion.

Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement - An agreement between the Company and Applicant that sets forth the terms and conditions of providing the requested Off-Site Distribution Main Extension in addition to this Distribution Extension Policy, including but not limited to the Construction Costs of an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit, as well as the Construction Payment required from the Applicant.

Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit - The Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit is a twenty-eight percent (28%) credit applied to an Applicant's Construction Costs for an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension. In the event that excess Construction Allowance is awarded to an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, this credit shall be applied after the Construction Allowance has been applied. In no event shall the total amount refunded to any Customer exceed the total Construction Payment made by that Customer.

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On-Site Distribution Extension - Distribution Mains or Transmission Mains, including all appurtenant facilities, except meters, meter installations, and Customer regulator facilities, necessary to supply service to Applicant and subsequent Applicants located within a Residential or mixed use of Residential and Commercial subdivision.

On-Site Distribution Extension Agreement - An agreement between the Company and Applicant that sets forth the terms and conditions of providing the requested On-Site Distribution Extension in addition to this Distribution Extension Policy, including the Construction Allowance that the Company will apply towards the Construction Costs of an On-Site Distribution Extension as well as the Construction Payment net of Construction Allowance to be advanced by the Applicant. On-Site Distribution Extension Agreements shall be based upon a standardized per lot cost when single family and townhome lots are limited to an average of sixty feet (60 ft.) of frontage or rear lot line dependent upon the location of the Company's facilities. Single family and townhome lots that are greater than the average of sixty feet (60 ft.) of frontage or rear lot, or requiring non-standard work including, but not limited to, compaction and/or boring and/or pipe in excess of four (4) inches, will be based upon Company's estimate of the cost of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply the service requested by Applicant.

Permanent Service - Service for Off-Site Distribution Main Extensions, On-Site Distribution Extensions, and Service Lateral Extensions where the use of service is to be Permanent and where sufficient revenue to support the necessary investment is assured.

Pipeline Compliance Standards - The standards set forth in the "Xcel Energy Pipeline Compliance and Standards" manual that explains the responsibility of Applicant and Company for installation, ownership, and operation and maintenance of facilities and other necessary requirements to administer the Company's Distribution Extension Policy. A copy of this manual is available through the Company's website.

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DEFINITION OF TERMS - Cont'd

Point of Delivery - Point where the Company's gas facilities are first connected to the gas facilities of the Customer. The location of the Point of Delivery will be determined by Company in accordance with standard practice or as individual circumstances may dictate as set forth in Xcel Energy's Pipeline Compliance Standards.

Reinforcement - An increase in size or number of existing facilities necessitated by Applicant's estimated gas requirements.

Residential Applicant - For purposes of this Distribution Extension Policy, Residential Applicants are Applicants who request service for themselves or on behalf of future Customers which will take service under the following Rate Schedules: Schedules RG.

Residential Service Lateral Agreement - An agreement between the Company and Applicant that sets forth the terms and conditions of providing the requested Residential Service Lateral in addition to this Distribution Extension Policy, including the Construction Payment based upon the length of the line requested, with Residential Applicants receiving one hundred feet (100 ft.) allowance and a standardized per foot cost for the portion of any extensions longer than one hundred feet (100 ft.).

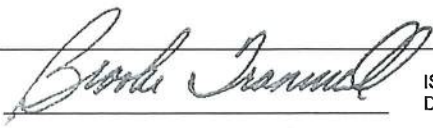
Service Lateral Extension - The supply pipe installed by Company extending from the Transmission Main or Distribution Main to and including the first valve or cock on the main side of the meter necessary to supply service to Applicant.

Service Lateral Agreement - Refers to either a Residential Service Lateral Agreement or a Commercial Service Lateral Agreement depending on whether the Applicant is a Residential Applicant or a Commercial Applicant.

Temporary Service - Service for On-Site Distribution Extensions, Off-Site Distribution Main Extensions, and Service Lateral Extensions where service is known to be of a temporary nature. If Temporary Service is continued for more than eighteen (18) months following the Extension Completion Date, the nature of such continued service will be evaluated and, if appropriate, reclassified as Indeterminate or Permanent Service.

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Transmission Main - Natural gas pipeline operated by the Company, located upstream of distribution areas, that may be larger in diameter and operate at higher pressures than the Company's Distribution Main.

Transportation Credit - A credit applied to an Applicant's Construction Costs for the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension. The amount is listed on the sheet entitled Construction Costs and Credits in this Gas Tariff.

Uneconomic Extension - An Uneconomic Extension shall be defined as an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension of over a half-mile distance from the Company's closest available capacity and when the Construction Allowance that may be awarded to Applicant(s) for an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension is less than twenty eight percent (28%) of the total Estimated Construction Cost of the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension.

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GAS METER AND PIPING INSTALLATIONS

Company will furnish the appropriate meter and Customer regulators to supply Applicant's requirements and install same along with associated Meter Piping. Applicant will provide all facilities necessary for proper meter and regulator installation in conformance with Xcel Energy's Pipeline Compliance Standards for such installation. Separate charges will be made for meter piping to additional meter locations in the same building except in the case of a meter header.

Title to Service Lateral Extensions, Meter Piping, meters, and regulators shall at all times vest in Company.

CONSTRUCTION ALLOWANCE AND CONSTRUCTION PAYMENTS

PERMANENT SERVICE

Permanent Service is applicable to Off-Site Distribution Main Extensions, On-Site Distribution Extensions, and Service Lateral Extensions where the use of service is to be Permanent.

For gas service of a Permanent character, the Company may install at its expense, necessary Distribution Extension Facilities equivalent in cost up to two and three-quarters (2.75) times the estimated annual non-fuel revenue as determined by the Company on a per Customer or per Dekatherm (Dth) demand as a Construction Allowance for On-Site Distribution Extensions. The remainder of the Construction Costs of Distribution Extension Facilities associated with such agreements shall be paid by the Applicant as a Construction Payment. The Construction Allowances and Construction Costs and Credits are listed on the sheets entitled Construction Allowance by Service Class and Construction Costs and Credits for each of the various classes of service.

For governmental entities, Applicant may elect to have the Company advance the Construction Payment for a Facilities Extension Agreement for the duration of the construction period as follows. The Company shall charge the governmental Applicant interest applied to the Construction Payment amount for the applicable construction period at the Company's Allowance For Funds Used During Construction (AFUDC) rate. The Company shall bill the Applicant for the Construction Costs and the interest within thirty (30) days after the Extension Completion Date. The Applicant shall pay the Company within ninety (90) days after the Extension Completion Date.

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PERMANENT SERVICE - Cont'd

Off-Site Distribution Main Extension

Applicant or Applicants shall be required to pay prior to construction as part of the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement a non-refundable Construction Payment for all Estimated Construction Costs for gas Distribution Extension Facilities necessary to serve Applicant or Applicants. The Construction Payment will be reduced by the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit. Service Lateral Extensions shall not be considered part of the Distribution Extension Facilities necessary to serve an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension. Should excess Construction Allowance exist on an On-Site Distribution Extension requested by the same Applicant, as part of the same project as the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, then such excess shall also be awarded to the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension thus further reducing the Construction Payment. In the event that excess Construction Allowance is awarded to an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, the Off-Site Main Extension Credit shall be applied after the Construction Allowance has been applied. In no event shall the total amount refunded to any Customer exceed the total Construction Payment made by that Customer.

On-Site Distribution Extension

Applicant or Applicants shall be required to pay prior to construction as part of the On-Site Distribution Extension Agreement a non-refundable Construction Payment for Distribution Extension Facilities necessary to serve Applicant or Applicants' On-Site Distribution Extension less the applicable Construction Allowance. Service Lateral Extensions shall not be considered part of the Distribution Extension Facilities necessary to serve an On-Site Distribution Extension. On-Site Distribution Extension Construction Costs will be based upon a standardized per lot cost based on an average of sixty feet (60 ft.) of frontage or rear lot line dependent upon the location of the Company's facilities. Should this standardized lot size not be applicable given the nature of the On-Site Distribution Extension in the Company's sole discretion, an estimated cost of the On-Site Distribution Extension will be derived by the Company.

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On-Site Distribution Extension - Cont'd

The Company shall execute an On-Site Distribution Extension Agreement after the Applicant submits to the Company an approved final plat of the subdivision that is approved by the local governmental entity with authority to approve the final plat. The standardized per lot cost is listed on the Construction Costs and Credits sheet in this Gas Tariff.

An On-Site Distribution Extension shall be separate and distinct from any Off-Site Distribution Main Extension. In the event that Applicant or Applicants require both types of extensions, the separation between the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension and the On-Site Distribution Extension shall be at a Point of Delivery as determined by the Company.

Should excess Construction Allowance exist on an On-Site Distribution Extension requested by the same Applicant, as part of the same project as the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, then such excess shall also be awarded to the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension thus further reducing the Construction Payment. In no event shall the total amount refunded to any Customer exceed the total Construction Payment made by that Customer.

In the event that excess Construction Allowance is awarded to an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, the Off-Site Line Extension Credit shall be applied after the Construction Allowance has been applied. In no event shall the total amount refunded to any Customer exceed the total Construction Payment made by that Customer.

Residential Service Lateral Extension

For Residential Applicant or Applicants that request a Service Lateral be installed by the Company, Residential Applicants shall receive up to one hundred feet (100 ft.) as an allowance to be installed by the Company. For Residential Service Lateral Extensions greater than one hundred feet (100 ft.), the Applicant or Applicants shall pay the Company as a non-refundable Construction Payment the per foot cost in excess of the first one hundred feet (100 ft.) as listed on the Construction Costs and Credits sheet of this Gas Tariff.

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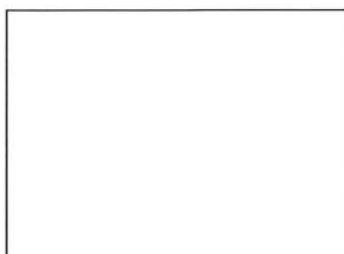
Commercial Service Lateral Extension

For Commercial Service Lateral Extensions, Commercial Applicant or Applicants that request a Service Lateral Extension be installed by Company shall be required to pay the Company as a non-refundable Construction Payment for all estimated costs for the Commercial Service Lateral Extension in excess of the Commercial Service Lateral Credit when applicable. The requirements for the installation of a Commercial Service Lateral Extension shall be as set forth in Xcel Energy's Pipeline Compliance Standards.

Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Stations

For Grandfathered Applicants that have a Distribution Main Extension Agreement executed for Natural Gas Vehicle (NGV) fueling stations prior to the effective date of this Gas Tariff, Grandfathered Applicant or Applicants shall be required to pay to the Company as a Construction Payment all estimated costs for necessary gas On-Site Distribution Extensions, Off-Site Distribution Main Extensions, and Service Lateral Extensions. Regarding additional facilities necessary to serve the NGV fueling portion of the NGV fueling station total annual usage, said Construction Payment may be reduced by an award of Construction Allowance in part or in its entirety for a period of five (5) years after the Extension Completion Date. After said five (5) year period has expired, Construction Allowance will no longer be available. All non-fueling usage of the NGV fueling station shall be determined by the Company as Permanent, Indeterminate, or Temporary Service as applicable.

For Applicants that are not Grandfathered under the prior Natural Gas Vehicle Fueling Station provisions of this Gas Tariff, the Construction Payment, Construction Allowance, and/or Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit is dependent on the applicable Distribution Extension Facilities service requested (On-Site Distribution Extension, Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, or Service Lateral), as determined by the Company.



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INDETERMINATE SERVICE

Indeterminate Service is applicable to gas On-Site Distribution Extensions, Off-Site Distribution Main Extensions, and Service Lateral Extensions for service which is of an indefinite or indeterminate nature such as that required by, but not limited to (a) speculative commercial development of property for sale; (b) mines, quarries, sand pits, oil wells, and other enterprises of more or less speculative characteristics; or (c) all other service to which neither Permanent Service nor Temporary Service is applicable.

For gas service of an indeterminate character under an On-Site Distribution Extension Agreement, Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement, or Service Lateral Agreement, Applicant or Applicants shall be required to pay the Company the entire Estimated Construction Cost for necessary On-Site Distribution Extension, Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, and Service Lateral Extension facilities as a non-refundable Construction Payment less any applicable Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit.

TEMPORARY SERVICE

Temporary Service is applicable to gas On-Site Distribution Extensions, Off-Site Distribution Main Extensions, and Service Lateral Extensions where service is of a known temporary nature. If Temporary Service is continued for more than eighteen (18) months following the Extension Completion Date the nature of such continued service will be evaluated and, if appropriate, reclassified as Indeterminate or Permanent Service.

For gas service of a temporary character, Applicant or Applicants shall be required to pay to Company as a Construction Payment an amount equal to the Estimated Construction Cost of installing and removing all necessary gas On-Site Distribution Extension, Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, and Service Lateral Extension facilities less the estimated salvage value.

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OFF-SITE DISTRIBUTION MAIN EXTENSIONS AND DISTRIBUTION REINFORCEMENTS

Distribution Main Extensions, Distribution Reinforcements, and Reinforcements using additional Compression Station capacity by the Company to provide new or additional transportation service to an LDC Customer may be mutually agreed to by Company and the LDC Customer under a Gas Transportation Service Agreement in instances where the revenue derived from such Gas Transportation Service Agreement provides the Company an assured and continuous stream of revenue sufficient to support the necessary investment and other ongoing costs associated therewith. The Company will not enter into an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement for any new facilities or Reinforcement where the LDC Customer is being served pursuant to a standard Firm or Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement which includes a one-year service term and subsequent one-year terms thereafter.

Prior to the Company's construction under an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension or Reinforcement to serve an LDC Customer, the LDC Customer shall enter into a Firm or Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement that has a term of at least five (5) years, or other term as mutually agreed upon by the parties. The Gas Transportation Service Agreement will also include provisions such that the LDC Customer agrees to pay to the Company, commencing as of a date specified in the Agreement and each month thereafter during the agreement term, a specified minimum monthly amount for Firm Capacity Reservation Charges or a specified minimum amount of Usage Charges, or both.

The Company shall provide the Construction Cost for an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension and/or Reinforcement up to a maximum of the Transportation Credit based on PDQ applicable to the transportation service requested by the LDC Customer and provided for in the Gas Transportation Service Agreement. The level of the Transportation Credit, as determined by the Company, shall depend upon the term of the Gas Transportation Service Agreement and be in proportion to the level of any minimum monthly amount for Firm Capacity Reservation Charges and/or minimum amount of Usage Charges as set forth in the Gas Transportation Service Agreement. The amount of the Transportation Credit per dekatherm usage is listed on the sheet entitled Construction Costs and Credits in this Gas Tariff.

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In the event that the Construction Costs exceed the Transportation Credit for an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension or a Distribution Reinforcement, the Company and the LDC Customer may mutually agree that: (1) the LDC Customer shall pay all Construction Costs in excess of the Transportation Credit as a non-refundable or refundable Construction Payment and also pay an Incremental Service Charge; or (2) the Company shall cover the Construction Payment and recover the investment at its authorized rate of return, plus the Company may recover on-going costs through an Incremental Service Charge as part of the monthly charges to the LDC Customer; or (3) in lieu of a Construction Payment, the Customer shall pay all or any combination of an additional minimum monthly amount for Firm Capacity Reservation Charges, a minimum amount of Usage Charges, and Incremental Service Charges. The provisions regarding any of the above Construction Payment options shall be set forth in the Firm or Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement between the Company and the LDC Customer.

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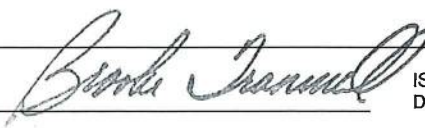
FARM TAPS

In the event that an LDC Customer desires a Farm Tap as a stand-alone request (separate from an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension or Distribution Reinforcement) or as part of an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension or Distribution Reinforcement, and the Company determines in its sole discretion that it will provide the requested Farm Tap, the Company shall install, own, operate, and maintain only those facilities on the supply side of the Point of Delivery and cover a portion of the Construction Costs up to the maximum applicable Transportation Credit. In the event that the Construction Costs exceed the maximum applicable Transportation Credit, the Company and the LDC Customer may mutually agree that: (1) the LDC Customer shall pay all Construction Costs for the Farm Tap, including such costs in excess of any applicable credits, as a non-refundable or refundable Construction Payment and also pay an Incremental Service Charge; or (2) the Company shall cover the Construction Payment and recover the investment at its authorized rate of return, plus the Company may recover on-going costs through an Incremental Service Charge as part of the monthly charges to the LDC Customer; or (3) in lieu of a Construction Payment, the Customer shall pay all or any combination of an additional minimum monthly amount for Firm Capacity Reservation Charges, a minimum amount of Usage Charges and Incremental Service Charges. The provisions regarding any of the above Construction Payment options for Farm Taps shall be as set forth in the Firm or Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement between the Company and the LDC Customer.

LDC METER STATIONS

In the event that an LDC Customer requires either a new LDC Meter Station, increased capacity or increased pressure at an existing LDC Meter Station owned by the Company, there are two (2) options available to the LDC Customer. The first is for the LDC Customer to install, own, operate, and maintain the LDC Meter Station. In the event that the LDC Meter Station is new, the LDC Customer shall install, at its sole expense, all facilities for the LDC Meter Station, except the metering facilities and metering installation required by the Company for the measurement of service, as well as the facilities between the LDC Meter Station and the Company's Distribution Main or Transmission Main. The Company's Construction Costs to tie the LDC Customer's pipeline system into the Company's Distribution Main shall be charged to the LDC Customer as set forth below.

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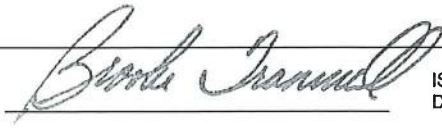
The second option is for the LDC Customer to purchase from the Company the existing LDC Meter Station facilities, as well as the facilities between the LDC Meter Station and the Company's Distribution Main or Transmission Main to the extent not used to provide service to any other Company Customers, the amount of which is to be as negotiated between the LDC Customer and the Company. After any such purchase by the LDC Customer, the LDC Customer shall install, at its sole expense, all facilities for the LDC Meter Station, except the metering facilities and metering installation required by the Company for the measurement of service. To the extent that the Company incurs Construction Costs to tie the LDC Customer's pipeline system into the Company's System shall be charged to the LDC Customer as set forth below.

In the event that the LDC Customer requests the Company to add either a new LDC Meter Station, increased capacity or increased pressure at an existing LDC Meter Station owned by the Company as a stand-alone request or as part of an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension or Distribution Reinforcement, and the Company determines in its sole discretion that it will provide the requested LDC Meter Station, the Company shall install, own, operate, and maintain the specific Distribution Main attributable to the LDC Meter Station between the existing Distribution Main and the first above ground fitting and cover a portion of the Construction Costs up to the maximum applicable Transportation Credit or Commercial Service Lateral Credit

In the event that the Construction Costs exceed the maximum applicable Transportation Credit or Commercial Service Lateral Credit, the Company and the LDC Customer may mutually agree that: (1) the LDC Customer shall pay all Construction Costs for the LDC Meter Station, including such costs in excess of any applicable credits, as a non-refundable Construction Payment and also pay an Incremental Service Charge; or (2) the Company shall cover the Construction Payment and recover the investment at its authorized rate of return, plus the Company may recover on-going costs through an Incremental Service Charge as part of the monthly charges to the LDC Customer; or (3) in lieu of a Construction Payment, the Customer shall pay all or any combination of an additional minimum monthly amount for Firm Capacity Reservation Charges, a minimum amount of Usage Charges and Incremental Service Charges. The provisions regarding any of the above Construction Payment options for LDC Meter Stations shall be as set forth in the Firm or Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement between the Company and the LDC Customer.

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Any required Reinforcement other than for an LDC Customer shall generally recognize the provisions of this Distribution Extension Policy in accordance with individual agreements between Applicant and Company based upon the amount, character and permanency of the load. Where gas distribution system Reinforcement is required for serving an existing Customer's gas service from Company, Company shall make such Reinforcement of the distribution system as follows: for a Residential or small Commercial Customer that receives service under a rate schedule for which the Construction Allowance is not based on the Peak Day Quantity (PDQ), related to the Customer's total load requirements, Company will make such Reinforcements at its expense. For all Customers that receive service under a rate schedule for which the Transportation Credit is based on PDQ, such reinforcement shall be an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension where the Construction Cost shall include the Company's cost to reinforce the system, as well as the cost of new Distribution Extension Facilities necessary to serve the Customer's total load, less the applicable Transportation Credit for the added load.

For purposes of this section, all Reinforcement for new Residential or Commercial development shall be considered non-residential and the developer shall be responsible for Reinforcement costs. In the event that the Reinforcement is only required to serve a new Residential Customer's gas service for a single lot that is not part of a proposed new Residential or Commercial development, as shown on a final plat approved by the Company, the Company may make such Reinforcement at its expense, not including any applicable Residential Service Lateral costs.

All Reinforcements for LDC Customers shall be subject to the provisions of the Extensions for Local Distribution Company Customer section of this Extension Policy.



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COMPRESSOR STATIONS

In the event that the Company determines that an LDC Customer requires either a new Compressor Station owned by the Company or increased pressure at an existing Compressor Station that requires the installation of one or more additional compressor(s), such incremental Compressor Station costs attributable to the LDC Customer may be included in the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension or Reinforcement, less the Transportation Credit.

In the event that the Company determines that a Non-LDC Customer requires either a new Compressor Station or increased pressure at an existing Compressor Station that requires the installation of one or more additional compressor(s) for Permanent Service, such incremental Compressor Station costs attributable to the Non-LDC Customer may be included in the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension or Reinforcement, less the Transportation Credit.

If the Company determines that the investment in said Compressor Station is required to serve a LDC or Non-LDC Customer, the Company and the Customer may mutually agree that: (1) the Customer shall be required to pay the Company, prior to construction, as a non-refundable Construction Payment all estimated costs in excess of any applicable credits and pay an Incremental Service Charge; or (2) the Company shall cover the Construction Payment and recover the investment at its authorized rate of return, plus the Company may recover on-going costs through an Incremental Service Charge as part of the monthly charges to the Customer; or (3) in lieu of a Construction Payment, the Customer shall pay all or any combination of an additional minimum monthly amount for Firm Capacity Reservation Charges, a minimum amount of Usage Charges and Incremental Service Charges. The provisions regarding any of the above Construction Payment options for Compressor Stations shall be set forth in the Firm or Interruptible Gas Transportation Service Agreement between the Company and the Customer.

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EXCESS FACILITIES

In those instances where Company agrees to provide Distribution Extension Facilities at Customer's request in excess of the facilities necessary to supply service to Customer, Customer shall be required to contract to pay Company for such facilities as a non-refundable contribution and to pay Company monthly an Incremental Service Charge to cover the costs for such facilities based on the non-refundable contribution amount. Excess Facilities include but are not limited to excess pressure capability over that which the Company designs to install and/or situations where the Customer wants and the Company agrees to install facilities along a different route than that which the Company designs. Such Excess Facilities shall at all times be installed, owned, operated, and maintained by the Company.

EXCEPTION

In situations involving Distribution Main Extensions where both: 1) a person(s) or entity(ies) in the Company's service territory desires to convert to natural gas service from other fuel sources, and 2) the Company determines the extension is of such a length which would cause a prohibitive or unduly burdensome cost on the future gas Customer(s) to convert service, the Company may provide service under the following conditions:

The Construction Payment for such a Distribution Main Extension will be based upon the Company's Estimated Construction Cost of constructing and installing the facilities necessary to adequately supply the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension requested by Applicant, less an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit. The Estimated Construction Costs for a Distribution Main Extension will include projected interest expense, at the Company's after tax weighted average cost of capital rate, for the Company carrying said Construction Costs during the conversion period.

Construction Payments made in accordance with this Exception section will be less the applicable Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit and due prior to the permanent meter set date.

The provisions under this Exception shall not include or apply to Service Lateral Extensions.

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UNECONOMIC EXTENSIONS

For Uneconomic Extensions, the Company, under its sole discretion, may investigate the possibility of allowing Applicant(s) to be served by another utility as set forth in the General Provisions section of this Distribution Extension Policy.

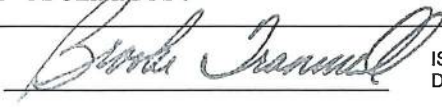
CONSTRUCTION COST ESTIMATE

The Company shall provide Applicant a Construction Cost estimate as follows:

Preliminary Plat Estimate - If an Applicant has a preliminary plat for a residential subdivision, they may acquire a preliminary design and Construction Cost estimate (including documented Applicant inputs and assumptions) by submitting the preliminary plat and site drawing, anticipated service needs, anticipated timing of construction, and other requirements as requested by the Company. Upon receipt of the required information the Company will provide a preliminary drawing and Construction Cost estimate to the Applicant within ninety (90) days. The preliminary design and Construction Cost estimate may be subject to change based on new or different information about the subdivision than was provided by the Applicant to establish the preliminary drawing and Construction Cost estimate(s). Exceptions to the ninety (90) day requirement include master planned communities, multi-phase or multi-year developments, or other large projects and mixed use developments that may require multiple design estimates.

Final Plat Estimate - If an Applicant has a final plat for a residential subdivision, they may acquire a final design and Construction Cost estimate (including documented Applicant inputs and assumptions, and known system reinforcements that may be necessary to serve the subdivision at the time of application) by submitting the final plat, site drawing, estimated loads, installation dates, and other requirements as requested by the Company. Upon receipt of the required information the Company will provide a final design and Construction Cost estimate to the Applicant within sixty (60) days. The final plat drawing and Construction Cost estimate may be subject to change based on new or different information about the subdivision than was provided by the Applicant to establish the final drawing and Construction Cost estimate(s). Exceptions to the sixty (60) day requirement include master planned communities, multi-phase or multi-year developments, or other large projects and mixed use developments that may require multiple design estimates.

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The Application for Gas and Electric Services Form is available on the Company's website. For gas service requests involving large and or complex configurations, as determined by the Company, the Company shall provide the Applicant the estimated time that it will require to provide an estimate of Construction Costs.

APPLICABILITY LIMITATION

The foregoing Distribution Extension Policy applicability is limited by the following conditions:

The Company's estimated Construction Costs and Applicant's Construction Payments as calculated for each Off-Site Distribution Main, On-Site Distribution, or Service Lateral Extension will become void following a period of one hundred and twenty (120) days from the time an extension request is received by Company or a period of sixty (60) days following a written estimate being provided by Company, whichever period ends later. If an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement, On-Site Distribution Agreement, or Service Lateral Extension Agreement in writing is not fully executed within 120 days, the Company, at its sole discretion, may extend said time period.

Construction Cost estimates will not be made for any portion of an extension that cannot be completed in a normal manner, i.e., following accepted construction practices, within one hundred and twenty (120) days after execution of the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement, On-Site Distribution Agreement, or Service Lateral Agreement, which amount will be determined in an engineering estimate prepared by the Company at the time the written estimate is prepared, and such amount will be specified in the written estimate. Any portion of an extension which is not completed in a normal manner, i.e., following accepted construction practices, within the one hundred and twenty (120) day period from the execution of the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement, On-Site Distribution Agreement, or Service Lateral Extension Agreement will be struck from the Agreement and Applicant's Construction Payment will be updated accordingly, unless the delay is caused by the Company, in which event the Construction Payment will become interest bearing, with the Company to pay interest at the rate it currently pays on residential security deposits, and the construction will not be struck from the Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Agreement, On-Site Distribution Agreement or Service Lateral Extension Agreement under such circumstances.

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CONSTRUCTION ALLOWANCE BY SERVICE CLASS

Service Class and Rate Schedules

Construction Allowance

Residential

Schedule RG

On-Site
Distribution

\$808

Commercial

Schedule CSG

Schedule CLG

On-Site
Distribution

\$9.46/DTH

\$3.77/DTH

Interruptible

Schedule IG

\$2.28/DTH

The above allowances are based on two and three-quarter (2.75) times estimated annual non-fuel revenue subject to review and appropriate revisions by filing of new Construction Allowances with the Commission. The Company may file for such revisions annually.

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CONSTRUCTION COSTS AND CREDITS

Construction Costs

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| On-Site Distribution Extension Per Lot Cost | \$ 1,672 |
| Service Lateral Extension > 100 Ft. Cost, Per Foot | \$ 8.37 |

Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit

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| Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit | 28.00% |
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Commercial Service Lateral Credit

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| Commercial, Interruptible, and Transportation Service | \$1,122 |
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Transportation Credit

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| Schedule TFS | \$5.93/DTH |
| Schedule TFL | \$4.83/DTH |
| Schedule TI | \$2.18/DTH |

The above costs and credits may be recalculated and revised from time to time as determined necessary by the Company based on the same method(s) as approved by the Commission.

The Off-Site Distribution Main Extension Credit is a twenty-eight percent (28%) credit applied to an Applicant's Construction Costs for an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension. In the event that excess Construction Allowance is awarded to an Off-Site Distribution Main Extension, this credit shall be applied after the Construction Allowance has been applied.

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