## **RIDER TO RATES 31, 32V, 32S, AND 33**

#### **SMART METER OPT-OUT**

# **APPLICABILITY**

Applicable to residential and small and medium general service customers who request a meter that does not report usage through a centralized communications network, and otherwise is required to be read at the customer's premise each month. This rider is to be applied in conjunction with the Company's residential and small and medium general service rates for those customers. This rider will be available provided that this metering technology is still offered by vendors for use by the Company. At the Company's option, meters to be read manually may be either a smart meter with the radio frequency communication capability disabled, or other non-communicating meter. The meter manufacturer and model chosen to service the customer's premise are at the discretion of the Company and are subject to change at the Company's option, at any time.

#### **CHARACTER OF SERVICE**

To be established by the customer's primary rate schedule.

## **ADDITIONAL CRITERIA FOR QUALIFICATION**

For nonresidential services, the customer must be served on the Company's Rate 31 or 33 General Service Schedules and have firm requirements on a peak day of less than 500 therms.

Customers choosing this option will not be eligible for any current or future services or offerings that require the use of a smart or other communicating meter.

The Company may deny service under this Rider where: the customer has a history of meter tampering or unauthorized use of gas at the current premises or any prior premise; such service creates a safety hazard to Company personnel, customers or their premise, or the general public; or the customer does not provide the Company satisfactory ingress or egress to the customer's premise for the purpose of obtaining meter readings or maintaining the Company's equipment.

#### SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT FEE

Smart Meter Opt-Out Service Establishment Fee (one-time) \$ 168.00

Upon Request, the initial Smart Meter Opt-Out Service Establishment Fee may be paid in six equal installments of \$28.00 per month to be included as a part of the Customer's first six monthly gas service bills following the initiation of service under this rider.

## **RATE PER MONTH**

The rates below will be assessed in addition to the charges set forth in the customers primary Rate Schedule.

Monthly Charge \$ 15.00 per month

No fee will be required to cancel opt-out status and resume service using the Company's standard metering.

The Service Establishment Fee and Monthly Charge may be waived and not apply for customers providing a signed and certified medical waiver form from a medical doctor licensed in the state of South Carolina. Such form will require the customer's medical doctor to certify that the customer's health is negatively impacted by exposure to radio frequencies. This documentation will be provided to and retained by the Company and will be kept confidential.

## **SALES AND FRANCHISE TAX**

To the above will be added any applicable sales tax, franchise fee or business license tax which may be assessed by any state or local governmental body.

## **PAYMENT TERMS**

All bills are net and payable when rendered.

# **GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

The Company's General Terms and Conditions are incorporated by reference and a part of this rider.