

## RIDER TO GAS RATES

## GREENTHERM® PROGRAM

## APPLICABILITY

The GreenTherm® Program is a voluntary program that provides customers the option to offset the carbon emissions associated with their natural gas usage through direct funding of the Company's purchase of Green Attributes. Voluntary participation in the GreenTherm® program is available to customers receiving service under the applicable gas rate schedules. The monthly rates shown below are a part of the Company's South Carolina gas rate schedules and shall therefore be added to participating customer's monthly bill statement. These rates are subject to approved GreenTherm® program cost adjustments.

## RATE PER MONTH BY CLASS (\$/Block)

<u>Customer Class</u>	<u>GreenTherm® Rate</u>
<b>Residential</b>	\$ 4.00 per Block
<b>Commercial</b>	\$ 4.00 per Block

Customers participating in the program pay a monthly charge calculated by multiplying the number of Blocks the Customer has agreed to purchase by the charge per Block set forth in this Rider. The monthly charge will be based on the Customer's election and will apply regardless of the Customer's actual energy consumption.

The monthly charge will be due and payable consistent with the provisions of the Customer's applicable rate schedule, except that a late payment charge will not be assessed for nonpayment of any charges under this Rider and service will not be discontinued for such nonpayment.

## ADJUSTMENT OF BLOCK RATE

Periodically, the Company may file with the Public Service Commission to adjust the Block rate applicable to this Rider. The Company will provide customers participating in this Rider at least one month's advance notice of any changes to the Block rate through a bill message or other similar communication method.

## AVAILABILITY

Participating customers must receive service from the Company under an applicable rate schedule and must contract for one or more Blocks of Green Attributes sourced by the Company from Renewable Natural Gas and Carbon Offsets. The applicable rate schedules are:

**Residential:**

Rate 32S - Residential Standard Service, Rate 32V - Residential Value Service

**Commercial**

Rate 31 - Small Firm General Service, Rate 33 - Medium General Service

## DEFINITIONS

- Block - The Green Attributes that are intended to fully mitigate the carbon footprint impact of 12.5 therms of natural gas usage by a Customer. The actual amount of natural gas usage by the Customer during any given month may be more or less than the number of Blocks of Green Attributes for which the Customer has contracted.
- Carbon Offset - Represents the reduction of one metric ton of carbon dioxide equivalent generated from U.S.-based projects.
- Green Attributes - Any credits, benefits, emissions reductions, offsets, and allowances attributable to RNG and Carbon Offsets.
- Renewable Natural Gas ("RNG") - Pipeline-quality gas produced from existing waste streams and a variety of renewable and sustainable biomass sources. Gas capable of combustion in customer appliances or facilities, is similar in heat content and chemical characteristics to natural gas produced from traditional underground well sources, and is intended to act as a substitute or replacement for natural gas. Sources may include but not be limited to biogas, biomethane, and landfill gas, as well as any other type of natural gas equivalent produced and manufactured from sources other than traditional underground well sources.

## ADMINISTRATION

Funds received from participating Customers will be used to purchase Green Attributes and cover administrative costs of the program, including but not limited to program marketing, labor, and information technology costs.

Carrying costs will be calculated and applied to the monthly GreenTherm® Program balance using the Company's weighted average cost of long term debt.

## PROGRAM CONDITIONS

- Customers may apply to participate in the program at any time by electing to purchase one or more Blocks each month. Full Blocks must be purchased by Customers as partial Block purchases are not allowed. There is no limit to the number of Blocks that the Customer may contract for under this Rider. Unless otherwise authorized by the Company, Customers may change their monthly election once during any consecutive twelve-month period or within 30 days after any adjustment of the Block rate.
- Changes to a Customer's election will take effect 30 days after election and will appear on the next bill thereafter.
- Customers are not eligible to participate in the program if, within the most recent twelve-month period, they have: (a) had service terminated for nonpayment of a bill or (b) are 60 days or more past due on payment of any charges under this Rider.

## CONTRACT PERIOD

Either the Customer or the Company may terminate the Customer's participation under this Rider by giving at least 30 days prior written notice of such termination, except that the Company may terminate a Customer's participation under this Rider without prior notice when the Customer is 60 days or more past due on payment of amounts billed pursuant to this Rider, or upon disconnection of service to the Customer.

## 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 form a part of this Rider.