
RIDER SPC - SPECIAL PURPOSE CHARGE

APPLICABILITY

Rider SPC – Special Purpose Charge (Rider SPC) is applicable to all Customers taking service from the Company, except to the extent a Customer is taking service under Rate GDS-7. For the purpose of this charge, the following three Customer classifications shall be applicable:

- Residential - Rate GDS-1
- Small Non-Residential - Rate GDS-2, GDS-3
- Large Non-Residential - Rate GDS-4, GDS-5, GDS-6

PURPOSE

The purpose of Rider SPC is to recover direct costs (net of any direct offsets) incurred as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Company shall adjust the monthly Customer Charge by the amounts specified on the information sheet.

DEFINITIONS

Generally, definitions of terms used in this Rider are provided in the Definitions part of the Customer Terms and Conditions of the Company's Gas Schedule of Rates. The following definitions are for use specifically in this Rider:

COVID-19 Related Direct Costs

COVID-19 Related Direct Costs means the reasonable and prudent direct costs resulting from the Emergency Interim Order entered by the Illinois Commerce Commission in Docket No. 20-0309, obligations to accommodate the Governor's Emergency Orders to control the spread of the COVID-19 pandemic, and any other reasonable measures taken by the utility in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, incurred beginning March 1, 2020 and ending on December 31, 2021, including, but not limited to:

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 - i. one-time costs, such as information technology changes needed to enact the Stipulations executed in Docket No. 20-0309, set up for remote work options (e.g., servers, software, computer equipment) and signage; and
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 - ii. ongoing costs, such as administration costs associated with programs provided for in the Stipulations executed in Docket No. 20-0309, communications for remote operations, communications with the public, regulatory compliance costs, cleaning supplies and services, PPE, employee benefits and accommodations, contact tracing, and medical testing to the extent not paid by or covered by insurance.

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COVID-19 Direct Offsets

COVID-19 Direct Offsets means identifiable credits, payments, or other tangible benefits received by the Company from a federal, state, or local government as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic prior to December 31, 2021 and directly related to a COVID-19 Direct Cost, including federal, state, or local tax credits that are directly related to COVID-19 or provided pursuant to enacted COVID-19 relief legislation, and are not a state or federal income tax rate change subject to Rider VITA – Variable Income Tax Adjustment.

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COVID-19 Foregone Late Fees

COVID-19 Foregone Late Fees means the amount of late payment fees not charged to Customers equal to a value no more than the difference between the actual late payment fees collected by the Company in the calendar or fiscal year including the period beginning March 1, 2020 and ending July 26, 2020 and \$2,700,000, which is the authorized annual level of late payment fees included in “other revenues” in the Company’s rate case used to establish rates in effect in the year 2020, Docket No. 18-0463.

COVID-19 Foregone Reconnection Charges

COVID-19 Foregone Reconnection Charges means an amount equal to no more than one reconnection fee per Customer who was reconnected to utility service without charge from March 1, 2020 to December 26, 2020. The reconnection fee shall be calculated using \$50 per service reconnection, the Service Reconnection Charge applicable to reconnections during regular working hours.

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COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program Amount

COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program Amount means \$3,000,000 in 2020 and \$1,500,000 in 2021, which are the amounts of funding identified by the Company in the Stipulations executed in Docket No. 20-0309, Appendix 1 attached to the Order dated June 18, 2020 and Appendix A attached to the Order on Reopening dated March 18, 2021, respectively, for the purpose of providing eligible residential Customers with relief from high arrearages incurred as a result of financial hardship caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Effective Period

Effective Period means the 24-month period over which costs are collected from Customers.

Filing Month

Filing Month means the month in which Charges are determined and filed with the Commission.

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*Asterisk denotes change

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CHARGES

- a) The Special Purpose Charge (SPC) shall be determined by Company for service rendered or estimated to be rendered during the Effective Period. A separate per Customer SPC shall be determined for each Customer classification. The SPC components shall be allocated to each Customer classification based on the following criteria:
- i. COVID-19 Related Direct Costs, net of COVID-19 Direct Offsets – allocated based on each Customer classification’s percentage of authorized annual Base Revenues in accordance with Docket 18-0463, excluding Rate GDS-7: Residential 70.74%, Small Non-Residential 22.17%, Large Non-Residential 7.09%.
 - ii. COVID-19 Foregone Late Fees – allocated based on the ratio of late pay charges in Docket 18-0463: Residential 72.68%, Small Non-Residential 22.66%, Large Non-Residential 4.66%.
 - iii. COVID-19 Foregone Reconnection Fees – allocated based on the ratio of late pay charges in Docket 18-0463: Residential 72.68%, Small Non-Residential 22.66%, Large Non-Residential 4.66%.
 - iv. COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program Amount – allocated solely (100%) to residential Customers.

- b) The SPC shall be determined as follows:

$$\text{SPC} = (\text{Total COVID-19 Costs by Customer Class} / X) / B$$

$$\text{Total COVID-19 Costs by Customer Class} =$$

$$(C * P) + (L * N) + (R * N) + (D * T) - Y$$

Where:

Initial SPC = Monthly Charge in dollars per Customer rounded to the nearest 0.01 cent. The SPC will be reviewed on a quarterly basis.

X = Number of months remaining in the Effective Period.

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B =	Estimated number of monthly Customers to whom the charge will apply.
C =	Estimated COVID-19 Related Direct Costs incurred by the Company, net of COVID-19 Direct Offsets.
P =	Ratio of base revenue for the applicable Customer classification, excluding Rate GDS-7, to the total authorized annual Company base revenues in accordance with Docket 18-0463: Residential 70.74%, Small Non-Residential 22.17%, Large Non-Residential 7.09%.
L =	An amount representing COVID-19 Foregone Late Fees.
N = Docket	Allocation factor based on the ratio of late pay charges in 18-0463: Residential 72.68%, Small Non-Residential 22.66%, Large Non-Residential 4.66%.
R =	An amount representing COVID-19 Foregone Reconnection Fees.
D =	An amount representing COVID-19 Bill Payment Assistance Program costs.
T =	Allocation factor equal to 100% for Residential Customer classification; 0%, for Small Non-Residential and Large Non-Residential Customer classifications.
Y =	Amounts previously billed to Customers.

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INFORMATIONAL FILING

The SPC shall be reviewed on a quarterly basis. If the Company deems a revision to the SPC is necessary, the Company shall file the SPC with the Commission on an Informational Sheet filed on the 20th of the month following the filing of the quarterly report of its COVID-19 Related Costs filed in Docket No. 20-0309, with the first Informational Sheet filed, on or before, September 20, 2020, effective with the October Billing Period. The Informational Sheet submission shall be accompanied by workpapers showing the calculation of that SPC and these materials shall be made available upon request to the parties to Docket No. 20-0309. If the Company determines during the Effective Period that it is appropriate to revise the SPC to better match revenues or expected revenue with costs incurred or expected to be incurred, the Company may, from time to time, calculate a revised SPC for each rate class to become effective at the beginning of the next full monthly Billing Period. Each revised SPC shall be accompanied by workpapers showing the calculation of the revised SPC and these materials shall be made available upon request to the parties to Docket No. 20-0309.

RECONCILIATION OF THE EFFECTIVE PERIOD

After the SPC has been in effect for 24 monthly Billing Periods, the SPC shall be set to zero until a reconciliation determines if further SPC application is warranted. On or before December 20, 2022, the Company shall file a petition with the Chief Clerk of the Commission to initiate the reconciliation process. The petition shall include testimony and schedules that support the accuracy, reasonableness, and prudence of the Total COVID-19 Costs. The reconciliation will compare (a) the actual Total COVID-19 Costs with the forecasted Total COVID-19 Costs and (b) revenues collected under this rider during the Effective Period with the anticipated amount of revenues that were to be recovered or refunded under this rider. Supporting documentation or workpapers affecting the information presented in the Company's reconciliation petition shall be provided to the Commission's Accounting Staff at the time of this filing of the reconciliation and these materials shall be made available upon request to the parties to Docket No. 20-0309. In conjunction with the reconciliation filing, a new Information Sheet may be filed adjusting the SPCs under this rider for the amount to be reconciled. The reconciliation SPCs may be applicable for one or more months, as required.

If, after hearing, the Commission finds that the utility has not shown all costs to be reasonable and prudently incurred or has made errors in its reconciliation statement for such reconciliation year, the difference determined by the Commission shall be refunded or recovered, as appropriate, in the same manner that the charge was initially collected, along with any interest at the rate established by the Commission under 83 Ill. Adm. Code 280.40(g)(1). Interest on the reconciliation amount shall be applied from the end of the reconciliation period until the amount is refunded or charged to Customers through the SPCs.

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MISCELLANEOUS

The charges and revenues under this rider will not be considered Base Rate Revenues as defined in Riders: Rider QIP – Qualifying Infrastructure Plant, Rider VITA – Variable Income Tax Adjustment, and the Invested Capital Tax Adjustment (ICTA) in the Tax Additions tariff.

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