

ENERGY EFFICIENCY PROGRAM

PURPOSE

Texas Gas Service Company (“TGS”) provides an Energy Efficiency Program which offers assistance to residential and commercial customers to encourage the most efficient use of energy, reduce net energy consumption, and lower energy utility bills. A customer rate component will provide funding for the program, and shall be included as a line item on the customers’ monthly utility bill.

The programs offered under the Energy Efficiency Program (Rate Schedule EEP) will be consistent with similar energy efficiency programs in other TGS service areas and may include, but are not limited to, residential, new construction and commercial customer rebates for high-efficiency appliances and equipment, as well as a low-income appliance program.

APPLICATION

The EEP rate shall apply to the applicable residential and commercial rate schedules served by TGS in its incorporated areas of the Rio Grande Valley Service Area (“RGVSA”) including the cities of Alamo, Alton, Brownsville, Combes, Donna, Edcouch, Edinburg, Elsa, Harlingen, Hidalgo, La Feria, La Joya, La Villa, Laguna Vista, Los Fresnos, Lyford, McAllen, Mercedes, Mission, Palm Valley, Palmhurst, Palmview, Penitas, Pharr, Port Isabel, Primera, Progreso, Rancho Viejo, Raymondville, Rio Hondo, San Benito, San Juan, Santa Rosa, and Weslaco, Texas. The Regulatory Body is defined as the Lower Rio Grande Valley Development Council, as agreed by each participating municipality to this tariff.

COMPUTATION OF EEP RATE

The EEP rate for a given year will be separately calculated for each individual customer class according to the following:

$$\text{EEP Rate} = \frac{\text{BCD} + \text{BA}}{\text{NV}}$$

BCD = The Budgeted Conservation Dollars (BCD) shall include all expected costs attributable to the Company’s Energy Efficiency Program for the 12-month period ending December 31 of each year, including but not limited to: rebates paid; material costs; the cost of educational and consumer awareness materials related to energy conservation/efficiency; the planning, development, implementation and administration of the EEP; and two months of working program expenses (calculated by dividing the total expected annual expenses by 12 and multiplying by two). Direct program costs will be identified by class and common administrative costs will be allocated to each rate class pro-rata based upon the proportion of direct costs. Administrative costs shall not exceed 15% of total EEP costs.

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BA = Balance adjustment. The BA shall compute differences between Rider EEP collections by class and expenditures by class for the 12-month period ending the prior (date) and collect the over/under recovery during the 12-month period beginning (date) of the following year.

NV = Actual volumes from the prior fiscal year (normalized for weather and growth/attrition) listed in Ccf for each rate class.

PROGRAM SELECTION

Program selection will be determined on an annual basis and a summary of programs selected for the upcoming 12-month period will be provided to the Regulatory Body by October 15 of each calendar year. The overall portfolio of program offerings will be designed to be impactful and cost-effective based on Texas Gas Service's knowledge of its customer base and experience administering various energy efficiency program initiatives. The Company shall, at least once every three years, be responsible for presenting an RGVSA Energy Efficiency Program summary at the Regulatory Body. The Regulatory Body is invited to provide its feedback on program growth, potential changes in the EE rate and the program parameters for the next three-year period at this stakeholder meeting. Individual cities will have the ability to opt-out of the RGVSA Energy Efficiency Program at the three-year mark by submitting this request in writing to the Company within the 10 days following the stakeholder meeting date. If no action is taken, the agreed-upon tariff will be implemented for the following three-year period.

REPORTING

The following documents will be filed with the Regulatory Body:

- a) A schedule indicating the new EEP rate for each of the affected rate classes, to be filed within 20 days of implementation.
- b) An annual report of the prior fiscal year collections and disbursements, to be filed within the 120 days following the prior fiscal year end. The annual report will also be made available on the Company's website. The annual filing shall include detailed calculations of the BCD and the Balancing Adjustments, as well as data on the total cost of the Energy Efficiency Program. Detailed tracking and reporting of program administration costs is also provided.
- c) An annual budget for the following year will be provided to the Regulatory Body by the Company by October 15 each calendar year.