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LIBERTY UTILITIES (PEACH STATE NATURAL GAS) CORP.	)	**DN 42959**
GEORGIA RATE ADJUSTMENT MECHANISM	)	

ORDER ADOPTING LIBERTY UTILITIES PETITION FOR TARIFF REVISION

I. BACKGROUND

On January 18, 2022, The Georgia Public Service Commission approved a Petition for a Tariff Modification filed by Peach State Natural Gas ("PSNG" or "Company") requesting authority to implement interim modifications to its tariff provisions related to interruptible services and transportation services. The Petition was filed in response to the Company's concerns that current pipeline penalties in place for the Rate Schedule 850, the Company's Optional customers, held a higher risk of exposure to volatile market conditions than the current policy. This Petition was approved with a sunset provision to eliminate the modification effective December 31, 2023. This enabled the Company to study the effects of the modification and deliver their findings to Commission Staff.

On March 12, 2024, PSNG filed with the Commission a Proposed Tariff Modification that eliminates the sunset provision (see Attachment A).

II. STAFF'S ANALYSIS

Staff met with the Company before and after the filing of the tariff modification to determine the need and efficacy of these proposed tariff changes. After reviewing the results of the modification for the effective period, Staff was satisfied that the adjusted tariff penalties were successful for their intended purpose of deterring overuse of natural gas consumption by Optional Customers.

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WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED, that the Commission hereby authorizes the modifications requested by PSNG in their Petition (see Attachment A).

ORDERED FURTHER, that a motion for reconsideration, rehearing, oral argument or any other motion shall not stay the effective date of this Order, unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

ORDERED FURTHER, that jurisdiction over this matter is expressly retained for the purpose of entering such further Order(s) as this Commission may deem just and proper.

ORDERED FURTHER, the above by action of this Commission in Administrative session on the 2nd day of April, 2024.

Sallie Tanner
Executive Secretary

4-4-24
Date

Jason Shaw
Chairman

4-4-24
Date

Attachment A

OPTIONAL GAS SERVICE

RATE SCHEDULE 850

Availability

This schedule is available at the Company's option to any large volume user using 270,000 Ccf annually or customers using 1000 Ccf per day during off peak periods; whose premises shall adjoin gas mains designated by Company for optional service and customer shall acknowledge that customer either (a) has adequate standby facilities and fuel, or (b) will endure the losses associated with service disruption. Gas deliveries may be curtailed at any time upon thirty minutes notice. Educational institutions, governmental agencies, hospitals, or other medical facilities shall be eligible for service under this schedule.

Gas service under this schedule is for the use of only one person, or single entity through a single point of delivery unless otherwise agreed upon and such gas shall not be resold.

Character of Service

Natural gas, with a heating value of approximately 100,000 Btu per Ccf, supplied through a single meter, at standard equipment utilization pressure, or such higher delivery pressure as approved by Company.

"Optional Gas" and "Firm Gas" are defined in the General Rules and Service Regulations: Service Regulation 1 – Definitions.

Company is relieved of its obligation to deliver any gas under this schedule in the event of force majeure. Any curtailments which may be necessary under this rate schedule shall be made only after having given at least 30 minutes notice by telephone or otherwise, unless due to reasons of force majeure.

Interruption and Curtailment of Optional Service

Optional gas deliveries to customers served on this schedule may be interrupted or curtailed at any time such interruption or curtailment is necessary in order for Company to continue to supply the gas requirements of its other customers at such time. The Company will endeavor to notify in advance customers served on this schedule whenever a curtailment or interruption is required, and each such customer shall curtail his use of gas at the time and to the extent requested by the Company. Interruptions and curtailments may vary from time to time among customers, but shall be as equally apportioned as practicable.

"Unauthorized Use" is defined as the taking of any volume of optional gas by Customer during any period when the use of optional gas is curtailed in accordance with notice given by Company. From the effective date of this tariff, Company shall bill, and Customer shall pay, in addition to the rates that would have been billed under this schedule for authorized use, the higher of: (a) $3 per Ccf for all volumes of unauthorized use gas plus any actual pipeline penalties and charges incurred as a result, or (b) 10 times the daily index cost of gas for all volumes of unauthorized use gas.

OPTIONAL GAS SERVICE (Continued)

RATE SCHEDULE 850

Contract

Customer shall contract for service hereunder for a term of not less than one (1) year. Upon the expiration of any contract term, the contract shall be automatically renewed for a period of one (1) year. At any time following the first contract year, service may be terminated by either party following at least six (6) months' notice to the other party.

A day, as used herein, shall be defined as a period of 24 consecutive hours designated by Company to coincide with applicable pipeline contract.

Rates

A **Customer Charge** per meter (regardless of the usage of gas) and a **Volumetric Charge** (per Ccf) as set forth more fully in the Summary Rate Sheet in effect from time to time.

Additionally, bills for service are subject to charges for the **Purchased Gas Adjustment Rider**, the **Franchise Tax Recovery** charge, and the **Margin Loss Recovery Rider**. The **GRAM** adjustments apply to service provided under this Rate Schedule. The amounts payable from customers under this Rate Schedule shall also include **Passthrough Costs**, if any.

OPTIONAL GAS SERVICE (Continued)

RATE SCHEDULE 850

Minimum Bill

The minimum monthly bill shall be the customer charge and the demand charge, if any.

Payment

Each monthly bill for service is due and payable on the date it is issued. A charge of one and one-half percent (1.5%) may be added to the amount of any balance in excess of $20 remaining unpaid at the close of the first business day after fifteen (15) days following such date of issue.

General Rules and Service Regulations

Gas service at these schedules will be furnished in accordance with the Company's General Rules and Service Regulations, copies of which are available for public reference during business hours at each of the Company's offices and on the Company's website at www.libertyutilities/ga.

If any sales, excise or other new or additional taxes are hereafter imposed against Company and/or the Company from whom they purchase the gas, or transportation or sale of gas deliverable hereunder, such tax or taxes are to be reimbursed by Customer to Company. However, if Customer does not pay such tax or taxes, this contract may be cancelled by Company as of date such tax or taxes first apply.

Activation Charge

When a customer applies to initiate service, a charge of $40.00 will be assessed to cover the cost of activating service.

OPTIONAL GAS SERVICE (Continued)

RATE SCHEDULE 850 (Continued)

Priority of Service Provision

Service under this schedule may be curtailed in whole, or in part, by Company at any time when necessary in the judgment of Company to protect service for essential human needs such as hospitals, schools, institutions, residences and essential businesses, or by reason of an event of force majeure, or to facilitate Company's compliance with curtailment or load control plans approved by the Georgia Public Service Commission or by any governmental body or agency having jurisdiction with respect to Company or to Company's suppliers.

Provided, however, Firm Gas is subject to curtailment only if all optional gas service has been curtailed first.

Customers served under this Rate Schedule shall be required to pay for the cost and installation of measurement data collection and verification equipment. Customers shall also be required to pay the cost of installation, maintenance and any monthly usage charges associated with telephone, power or other utilities or any sources required for the operation of the data collection and verification equipment. Customers shall also be required to provide adequate space in new or existent facilities for the installation of the data collection equipment.