

RATE SCHEDULE 243
EXPERIMENTAL MOTOR VEHICLE FUEL SERVICE

Availability

Gas Service under this Rate Schedule is available, on an experimental basis, in the area served by the Company in the State of South Carolina to all existing and qualified potential customers under Rate Schedules 201, 221, 202, 232, 252, 262, 203, 204, 213 and 214 seeking to purchase or transport Natural Gas for use as a motor vehicle fuel. All requests for Service under this Rate Schedule shall be subject to application to and consent by the Company to such Service, as provided in the Company's Service Regulations.

This Rate Schedule is experimental in nature and designed to (a) determine the relative need for sales/transportation service to meet the Natural Gas motor vehicle fuel needs of Customers qualified for and/or receiving service under the applicable rate schedules identified above, and (b) to determine whether Company's existing facilities and structures can accommodate the provision of such Service. Company reserves the right, upon reasonable notice to the Commission, to suspend Service to new Customers under this Rate Schedule in the event further Service under this Rate Schedule would threaten, interfere with, or impede Piedmont's ability to meet its other contractual obligations or efficiently operate its system and/or facilities. Absent such suspension by Piedmont, this Rate Schedule shall remain in effect for a period of two (2) years after which Service hereunder may continue to be provided subject to any proposal by Piedmont or any other interested party to terminate, extend, modify or adjust the provision of such Service.

Character of Service

The nature of Service provided by Company to Customer under this Rate Schedule shall be commensurate with the nature of Service for which Customer is qualified under the applicable Rate Schedule identified above. Gas received under the provisions of this Rate Schedule shall be used for motor vehicle fuel purposes only.

All Gas delivered pursuant to this Rate Schedule shall be metered and billed by the Company separately from any Gas delivered to Customer under any other Rate Schedule and utilized for non-motor vehicle fuel purposes.

Service Interruption and Curtailment

Gas Service under this Rate Schedule is subject to the provisions contained within Rate Schedule 206, "Schedule for Limiting and Curtailing Service."

Balancing, Cash-Out, and Agency Authorization

Service under this Rate Schedule shall be subject to all of the provisions and requirements of Rate Schedule 207, "Balancing, Cash-Out, and Agency Authorization."

Rates and Charges

The rates to be charged for Gas Service pursuant to this Rate Schedule shall be those rates and charges (and components thereof) applicable to the corresponding individual Rate Schedule under which Customer qualifies for Service. These rates and charges are set forth on the Company's "Rates and Charges" tariff sheet and may be viewed at the Company's Web Site at www.piedmontng.com. A copy

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of the “Rates and Charges” tariff sheet is also on file with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the “Commission”) and at each of the district offices of the Company. Rates applicable to Service hereunder may, to the extent such Service includes compression of Gas for utilization as a motor vehicle fuel, include a per therm compression charge designed to recover the costs associated with such compression and related equipment. The maximum compression charge to be included is \$.50 per therm. Rates are subject to adjustment from time to time with the approval of the Commission. The rates on file with the Commission shall prevail in the event of conflict with those rates viewed on the Company’s Web Site.

Payment of Bills

Bills for Service rendered pursuant to this Rate Schedule shall be due and payable as provided under the individual Rate Schedules identified above under which Customer is qualified for Service.

Applicable Documents Defining Obligations of the Company and Its Customers

Service under this rate schedule is subject to the Rules and Regulations of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission Rules”) and to the Company’s Service Regulations. Among other things, the Commission Rules and the Company’s Service Regulations permit the interruption or curtailment of service under certain conditions, including events of *force majeure* and operating conditions. A copy of the Commission’s Rules may be obtained from the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 101 Executive Center Dr., Columbia, SC 29210, upon payment of the applicable fee. The Company’s Service Regulations may be obtained at each of the district offices of the Company. Unofficial copies of the Company’s Service Regulations are available at the Company’s Web Site at www.piedmontng.com.

Resale

Gas delivered to Customer under the provisions and authority of this Rate Schedule, except for Customers receiving Gas for motor vehicle fuel purposes under Rate Schedule 201 and 221, may be resold solely for use as a motor fuel.

Taxes

Customer shall be solely and exclusively responsible for the payment of any local, state, or federal road tax, motor fuel tax, or similar tax, fee, or charge attributable to or arising out of the utilization of Gas delivered hereunder as a motor vehicle fuel.

Treatment of Gas Quantities Received Pursuant to this Rate Schedule

All quantities of Gas delivered to Customer for use as a motor fuel pursuant to this Rate Schedule 243 during any Annual Review Period shall be aggregated with quantities of Gas received by Customer under any of the Rate Schedules identified above solely for the purpose of establishing Customer’s eligibility for continued Service from Company as provided in Paragraphs 34, 35 and 36 of Piedmont’s Service Regulations.