

RATE M12
GENERAL TERMS & CONDITIONS

I. DEFINITIONS

Except where the context expressly requires or states another meaning, the following terms, when used in these General Terms & Conditions and in any contract into which these General Terms & Conditions are incorporated, shall be construed to have the following meanings:

1. "Contract" shall refer to the contract to which these General Terms & Conditions shall apply, and into which they are incorporated;
2. "cubic metre" shall mean the volume of gas which occupies one cubic metre when such gas is at a temperature of 15 degrees Celsius, and at a pressure of 101.325 kilopascals absolute;
3. "day" shall mean a period of twenty-four (24) consecutive hours beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard time. The reference date for any day shall be the calendar date upon which the twenty-four (24) hour period shall commence;
4. "delivery" shall mean any gas that is delivered by Union into Shipper's possession, or to the possession of Shipper's agent;
5. "firm" shall mean service not subject to curtailment or interruption except under Articles XI and XII of this Schedule "A";
6. "gas" shall mean gas as defined in the Ontario Energy Board Act, 1998, S.O. 1998, c.15, Sch. B, as amended, supplemented or re-enacted from time to time;
7. "gross heating value" shall mean the total heat expressed in megajoules per cubic metre (MJ/m³) produced by the complete combustion at constant pressure of one (1) cubic metre of gas with air, with the gas free of water vapour and the temperature of the gas, air and products of combustion at standard temperature and all water formed by the combustion reaction condensed to the liquid state;
8. "interruptible service" shall mean service subject to curtailment or interruption, after notice, at any time;
9. "Interconnecting Pipeline" shall mean a pipeline that directly connects to the Union pipeline system;
10. "joule" (J) shall mean the work done when the point of application of a force of one (1) newton is displaced a distance of one (1) metre in the direction of the force. The term "megajoule" (MJ) shall mean 1,000,000 joules. The term "gigajoule" (GJ) shall mean 1,000,000,000 joules;
11. "limited interruptible service" shall mean gas service subject to interruption or curtailment on a limited number of days as specified in the Contract;
12. "m³" shall mean cubic metre of gas and "10³m³" shall mean 1,000 cubic metres of gas;
13. "month" shall mean the period beginning at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard time on the first day of a calendar month and ending at 9:00 a.m. Central Standard time on the first day of the following calendar month;
14. "OEB" means the Ontario Energy Board;
15. "pascal" (Pa) shall mean the pressure produced when a force of one (1) newton is applied to an area of one (1) square metre. The term "kilopascal" (kPa) shall mean 1,000 pascals;
16. "receipt" shall mean any gas that is delivered into Union's possession, or the possession of Union's agent;
17. "Shipper", shall have the meaning as defined in the Contract and shall also include Shipper's agent(s);

18. "TCPL" means TransCanada PipeLines Limited;

II. GAS QUALITY

1. Natural Gas: The minimum gross heating value of the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder, shall be thirty-six (36) megajoules per cubic metre. The maximum gross heating value of the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder shall be forty point two (40.2) megajoules per cubic metre. The gas to be delivered hereunder to Union may be a commingled supply from Shipper's natural gas sources of supply. The gas to be delivered by Union may be a commingled supply from Union's sources of gas supply; provided, however, that helium, natural gasoline, butane, propane and other hydrocarbons except methane may be removed prior to delivery to Shipper. Further, Union may subject, or permit the subjecting of, the gas to compression, dehydration, cooling, cleaning and other processes.
2. Freedom from objectionable matter: The gas to be delivered to/by Union hereunder,
 - a. shall be commercially free from sand, dust, gums, crude oils, lubricating oils, liquids, chemicals or compounds used in the production, treatment, compression or dehydration of the gas or any other objectionable substance in sufficient quantity so as to render the gas toxic, unmerchantable or cause injury to or interference with the proper operation of the lines, regulators, meters or other appliances through which it flows,
 - b. shall not contain more than seven (7) milligrams of hydrogen sulphide per cubic metre of gas nor more than four hundred and sixty (460) milligrams of total sulphur per cubic metre of gas as determined by standard methods of testing,
 - c. shall not contain more than five (5) milligrams of mercaptan sulphur per cubic metre of gas,
 - d. shall not contain more than two point zero (2.0) molar percent by volume of carbon dioxide in the gas,
 - e. shall not contain more than zero point five (0.5) molar percent by volume of carbon monoxide in the gas,
 - f. shall not contain more than zero point four (0.4) molar percent by volume of oxygen in the gas,
 - g. shall not contain more than four point zero (4.0) molar percent by volume of hydrogen in the gas,
 - h. shall not contain more than sixty-five (65) milligrams of water vapour per cubic metre of the gas,
 - i. shall not have a hydrocarbon dewpoint exceeding minus ten (-10) degrees Celsius at five thousand-five hundred (5500) kPa pressure,
 - j. shall not contain less than one point zero (1.0) molar percent by volume of ethane in the gas,
 - k. shall at all times be interchangeable with other pipeline gas such that the yellow tipping, flashback and lifting factors shall be within the range permitted for gas according to AGA Research Bulletin No. 36.
3. In addition to any other right or remedy of a party, each party shall be entitled to refuse to accept delivery of any gas which does not conform to any of the specifications set out in Section 2.

III. MEASUREMENTS

1. Storage, Transportation, and/or Sales Unit: ("The Unit") The Unit of the gas delivered to Union shall be a megajoule or a gigajoule. The unit of gas transported or stored by Union shall be a megajoule or a gigajoule. The unit of gas delivered by Union shall be a megajoule, a gigajoule, a cubic metre (m³) or one thousand cubic metres (10³m³) at Union's discretion.

2. Determination of Volume and Energy:

- a. The volume and energy amounts determined under the Contract shall be determined in accordance with the Electricity and Gas Inspection Act (Canada), assented to 31 March, 1982 and the Electricity and Gas Inspection Regulations, P.C. 1986-116, 16 January, 1986, and any documents issued under the authority of the Act and Regulations and any amendments thereto.
- b. The supercompressibility factor shall be determined in accordance with either the "Manual for Determination of Supercompressibility Factors for Natural Gas" (PAR Project NX-19) published in 1962 or with American Gas Association Transmission Measurement Committee Report No. 8, Nov. 1992, at Union's discretion, all as amended from time to time.
- c. The volume and/or energy of the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder shall be determined by the measurement equipment designated in Article VII - Measuring Equipment, of this schedule.

IV. RECEIPT POINT AND DELIVERY POINT

1. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the point or points of receipt for all gas to be covered hereunder shall be on the outlet side of the measuring stations located at or near the point or points of connection specified in the Contract, where Union takes possession of the gas.
2. Unless otherwise specified in the Contract, the point or points of delivery for all gas to be covered hereunder shall be on the outlet side of the measuring stations located at or near the point or points of connection as specified in the Contract where Shipper takes possession of the gas.

V. POSSESSION OF AND RESPONSIBILITY FOR GAS

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VI. FACILITIES ON SHIPPER'S PROPERTY

Except under those conditions where Union is delivering to TCPL for TCPL or Shipper at Union's Parkway Point of Delivery, or to an Interconnecting Pipeline, or where otherwise specified in the Contract, the following will apply:

1. Construction and Maintenance: Union, at its own expense may construct, maintain and operate on Shipper's property at the delivery point a measuring station properly equipped with a meter or meters and any other necessary measuring equipment for properly measuring the gas redelivered under the Contract. Shipper will grant to Union a lease and/or rights-of-way over property of Shipper as required by Union to install such facilities and to connect same to Union's pipeline.
2. Entry: Union, its servants, agents and each of them may at any reasonable time on notice (except in cases of emergency) to Shipper or his duly authorized representative enter Shipper's property for the purpose of constructing, maintaining, removing, operating and/or repairing station equipment.
3. Property: The said station and equipment will be and remain the property of Union notwithstanding it is constructed on and attached to the realty of Shipper, and Union may at its own expense remove it upon termination of the Contract and will do so if so requested by Shipper.

VII. MEASURING EQUIPMENT

1. Metering by Union: Union will install and operate meters and related equipment as required and in accordance with the Act and Regulations referenced in Article III subparagraph 2.a.

2. Metering by Others: In the event that all or any gas delivered to/by Union hereunder is measured by a meter that is owned and operated by an Interconnecting Pipeline, then Union and Shipper agree to accept that metering for the purpose of determining the volume and energy of gas delivered to/by Union on behalf of the Shipper. The standard of measurement and tests for the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder shall be in accordance with the general terms and conditions as incorporated in that Interconnecting Pipeline company's gas tariff as approved by their regulatory body.
3. Check Measuring Equipment: Shipper may install, maintain and operate, at the redelivery point, at its own expense, such check measuring equipment as desired, provided that such equipment shall be so installed as not to interfere with the operation of Union's measuring equipment at or near the delivery point, and shall be installed, maintained and operated in conformity with the same standards and specifications applicable to Union's metering facilities.
4. Rights of Parties: The measuring equipment installed by either party, together with any building erected by it for such equipment, shall be and remain its property. However, Union and Shipper shall have the right to have representatives present at the time of any installing, reading, cleaning, changing, repairing, inspecting, testing, calibrating, or adjusting done in connection with the other's measuring equipment used in measuring or checking the measurement of deliveries of gas to/by Union under the Contract. Either party will give the other party reasonable notice of its intention to carry out the acts herein specified. The records from such measuring equipment shall remain the property of their owner, but upon request each will submit to the other its records and charts, together with calculations therefrom, for inspection and verification, subject to return within ten days after receipt thereof.
5. Calibration and Test of Measuring Equipment: The accuracy of Union's measuring equipment shall be verified by Union at reasonable intervals, and if requested, in the presence of representatives of Shipper, but Union shall not be required to verify the accuracy of such equipment more frequently than once in any thirty (30) day period. In the event either party shall notify the other that it desires a special test of any measuring equipment, the parties shall co-operate to secure a prompt verification of the accuracy of such equipment. The expense of any such special test, if called for by Shipper, shall be borne by Shipper if the measuring equipment tested is found to be in error by not more than two per cent (2%). If, upon test, any measuring equipment is found to be in error by not more than two per cent (2%), previous recordings of such equipment shall be considered accurate in computing redeliveries of gas, but such equipment shall be adjusted at once to record as near to absolute accuracy as possible. If the test conducted shows a percentage of inaccuracy greater than two percent (2%), the financial adjustment, if any, shall be calculated in accordance with the Electricity and Gas Inspection Act (1982) and regulations thereunder, as may be amended from time to time and in accordance with any successor statutes and regulations.
6. Preservation of Metering Records: Union and Shipper shall each preserve for a period of at least six (6) years all test data, and other relevant records.

VIII. BILLING

1. Monthly Billing Date: Union shall render bills on or before the 10th day of each month for all services furnished during the preceding month. Such charges may be based on estimated quantities, if actual quantities are unavailable in time to prepare the billing. Union shall provide, in a succeeding month's billing, an adjustment based on any difference between actual quantities and estimated quantities, without any interest charge. If presentation of a bill to Shipper is delayed after the 10th day of the month, then the time of payment shall be extended accordingly, unless Shipper is responsible for such delay.
2. Right of Examination: Both Union and Shipper shall have the right to examine at any reasonable time the books, records and charts of the other to the extent necessary to verify the accuracy of any statement, chart or computation made under or pursuant to the provisions of the Contract.

IX. PAYMENTS

1. Monthly payments: Shipper shall pay the invoiced amount directly into Union's bank account as directed on the invoice on or before the twentieth (20th) day of each month. If the payment date is not a business day, then payment must be received in Union's account on the first business day preceding the twentieth (20th) day of the month.
2. Remedies for non-payment: Should Shipper fail to pay all of the amount of any bill as herein provided when such amount is due,
 - a. Shipper shall pay to Union interest on the unpaid portion of the bill accruing at a rate per annum equal to the minimum commercial lending rate of Union's principal banker in effect from time to time from the due date until the date of payment.
 - b. If such failure to pay continues for thirty (30) days after payment is due, Union, in addition to any other remedy it may have under the Contract, may suspend service(s) until such amount is paid. Notwithstanding such suspension, all demand charges shall continue to accrue hereunder as if such suspension were not in place.

If Shipper in good faith disputes the amount of any such bill or part thereof Shipper shall pay to Union such amounts as it concedes to be correct. At any time thereafter, within twenty (20) days of a demand made by Union, Shipper shall furnish financial assurances satisfactory to Union, guaranteeing payment to Union of the amount ultimately found due upon such bill after a final determination. Such a final determination may be reached either by agreement, arbitration decision or judgement of the courts, as may be the case. Union shall not be entitled to suspend service(s) because of such non-payment unless and until default occurs in the conditions of such financial assurances or default occurs in payment of any other amount due to Union hereunder.

Notwithstanding the foregoing paragraph(s), Shipper is not relieved from the obligation to continue its deliveries of gas to Union under the terms of any agreement, where Shipper has contracted to deliver specified quantities of gas to Union.

3. Billing Adjustments: If it shall be found that at any time or times Shipper has been overcharged or undercharged in any form whatsoever under the provisions of the Contract and Shipper shall have actually paid the bills containing such overcharge or undercharge, Union shall refund the amount of any such overcharge and interest shall accrue from and including the first day of such overcharge as paid to the date of refund and shall be calculated but not compounded at a rate per annum determined each day during the calculation period to be equal to the minimum commercial lending rate of Union's principal banker, and the Shipper shall pay the amount of any such undercharge, but without interest. In the event Union renders a bill to Shipper based upon measurement estimates, the required adjustment to reflect actual measurement shall be made on the bill next following the determination of such actual measurement, without any charge of interest. In the event an error is discovered in the amount billed in any statement rendered by Union, such error shall be adjusted by Union. Such overcharge, undercharge or error shall be adjusted by Union on the bill next following its determination (where the term "bill" next following shall mean a bill rendered at least fourteen (14) days after the day of its determination), provided that claim therefore shall have been made within six (6) years from the date of the incorrect billing. In the event any refund is issued with Shipper's gas bill, the aforesaid date of refund shall be deemed to be the date of the issue of bill.

X. ARBITRATION

If and when any dispute, difference or question shall arise between the parties hereto touching the Contract or anything herein contained, or the construction hereof, or the rights, duties or liabilities of the parties in relation to any matter hereunder, the matter in dispute shall be submitted and referred to arbitration within ten (10) days after written request of either party. Upon such request each party shall appoint an arbitrator, and the two so appointed shall appoint a third. A majority decision of the arbitrators shall be final and binding upon both parties. In all other respects the provisions of the Arbitration Act of the Province of Ontario, or any Act passed in amendment thereof or substitution therefore, shall apply to each such submission. Operations under the Contract shall continue, without prejudice, during any such arbitration and the costs attributable to such arbitration shall be shared equally by the parties hereto.

XI. FORCE MAJEURE

1. The term "force majeure" as used herein shall mean acts of God, strikes, lockouts or any other industrial disturbance, acts of the public enemy, sabotage, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fires, storms, floods, washouts, arrests and restraints of governments and people, civil disturbances, explosions, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, freezing of wells or lines of pipe, inability to obtain materials, supplies, permits or labour, any laws, orders, rules, regulations, acts or restraints of any governmental body or authority (civil or military), any act or omission that is excused by any event or occurrence of the character herein defined as constituting force majeure, any act or omission by parties not controlled by the party having the difficulty and any other similar cases not within the control of the party claiming suspension and which by the exercise of due diligence such party is unable to prevent or overcome.
2. In the event that either the Shipper or Union is rendered unable, in whole or in part, by force majeure, to perform or comply with any obligation or condition of the Contract, such party shall give notice and full particulars of such force majeure in writing delivered by hand, fax or other direct written electronic means to the other party as soon as possible after the occurrence of the cause relied on and subject to the provision of this Article.
3. Neither party shall be entitled to the benefit of the provisions of force majeure hereunder if any or all of the following circumstances prevail: the failure resulting in a condition of force majeure was caused by the negligence of the party claiming suspension; the failure was caused by the party claiming suspension where such party failed to remedy the condition by making all reasonable efforts (short of litigation, if such remedy would require litigation); the party claiming suspension failed to resume the performance of such condition obligations with reasonable dispatch; the failure was caused by lack of funds; the party claiming suspension did not as soon as possible after determining or within a period within which it should acting reasonably have determined that the occurrence was in the nature of force majeure and would affect its ability to observe or perform any of its conditions or obligations under the Contract give to the other party the notice required hereunder.
4. The party claiming suspension shall likewise give notice as soon as possible after the force majeure condition is remedied, to the extent that the same has been remedied, and that such party has resumed or is then in a position to resume the performance of the obligations and conditions of the Contract.

XII. DEFAULT AND TERMINATION

In case of the breach or non-observance or non-performance on the part of either party hereto of any covenant, proviso, condition, restriction or stipulation contained in the Contract (but not including herein failure to take or make delivery in whole or in part of the gas delivered to/by Union hereunder occasioned by any of the reasons provided for in Article XI hereof) which has not been waived by the other party, then and in every such case and as often as the same may happen, the Non-defaulting party may give written notice to the Defaulting party requiring it to remedy such default and in the event of the Defaulting party failing to remedy the same within a period of thirty (30) days from receipt of such notice, the Non-defaulting party may at its sole option declare the Contract to be terminated and thereupon the Contract shall be terminated and be null and void for all purposes other than and except as to any liability of the parties under the same incurred before and subsisting as of termination. The right hereby conferred upon each party shall be in addition to, and not in derogation of or in substitution for, any other right or remedy which the parties respectively at law or in equity shall or may possess.

XIII. MODIFICATION

Subject to Union's M12 Rate Schedule, Schedule A, Article XV and the ability of Union to amend the M12 Rate Schedule with the approval of the OEB, no amendment or modification of the Contract shall be effective unless the same shall be in writing and signed by each of the Shipper and Union.

XIV. NON-WAIVER AND FUTURE DEFAULT

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XV. LAWS, REGULATIONS AND ORDERS

The Contract and the respective rights and obligations of the parties hereto are subject to all present and future valid laws, orders, rules and regulations of any competent legislative body, or duly constituted authority now or hereafter having jurisdiction and the Contract shall be varied and amended to comply with or conform to any valid order or direction of any board, tribunal or administrative agency which affects any of the provisions of the Contract.