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Schedule: 05 Release 83 (TS)

Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment Procedures:

Docket No. D2000.10.176

1. Applicability:

This rate schedule sets forth the procedure to be used in calculating Gas Cost Tracker Adjustments. It specifies the procedure to be utilized to adjust rates for gas sold under Energy West Montana's (EWM's or EWM) rate schedules in the state of Montana in order to reflect:

(A): changes in the EWM expected cost of gas which is defined to mean the first of the month AECO index price for Great Falls volumes and the CIG index price for West Yellowstone volumes published in the Canadian Gas Reporter (or equivalent publication recognized in the industry as a market clearing price) plus the estimated cost of transportation to the Montana Power Company pipeline system in Montana for Great Falls customers; and

(B): amortization of the unrecovered purchased gas cost account, which is defined to mean the gas costs that have been incurred by EWM but not recovered through charges to EWM's customers.

2. Effective Date and Limitation on Adjustments:

(A): Unless otherwise ordered by the Commission, the effective dates of the gas cost tracking adjustment shall be for services rendered on or after the first day of each month. The effective date of the adjustment for amortization of the unrecovered purchased gas cost account shall be July 1st of each year.

(B): EWM may file an adjustment to reflect changes in its average cost of gas supply only when amount of change in such adjustment is at least 10 (ten) cents per Mcf. The tracking adjustment to be effective July 1st of each year shall be filed each year regardless of the amount of the change in costs.

3. Minimum Filing Requirements:

EWM's filing to implement the Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment effective July 1st of each year shall include the following:

(A): Billing determinants by month by supply source with annual totals.

(B): Rates applicable to those billing determinants.

(C): Purchased gas costs by month by supply source, with annual totals.

(D): Total EWM sales by major customer class by month with annual totals.

(E): EWM's expected costs of gas.

4. Gas Cost Tracking Adjustment:

(A): The monthly expected cost of gas tracking adjustment shall reflect changes in EWM's cost of gas supply as compared to the cost of gas supply contained in EWM's annual filing for unrecovered purchased gas cost. Such costs are inclusive of all costs incurred in obtaining and transporting natural gas. The cost of gas supply shall include all charges incurred by EWM for gas supply and transportation services. Any extraordinary costs, such as penalty charges and take-or pay charges, shall be clearly identified as such and separately described.

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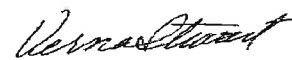
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(B): The gas cost tracking adjustment shall be computed as follows;

1. Demand costs shall include all annual gathering and transportation demand charges at current rates.
2. Storage cost shall include all annual storage charges at current rates.
3. The gas commodity costs shall reflect the expected cost of gas for the Month. The filing shall be made by the 10th of the month proceeding the Month in which the filing cost of gas should be applied.

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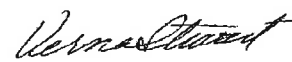
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