

7825.2400 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in parts 7825.2390 to 7825.2920 have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Annual sales volume.** "Annual sales volume" is the sum of the Mcf, Ccf, or Btu of gas delivered during the most recent 12 months, for which actual data are available, preceding a change in the demand-delivered gas cost.

Subp. 3. **Annual demand volume.** "Annual demand volume" is the annual sales volume adjusted by an average percentage change in sales computed over the preceding three-year period, normalized for weather. Annual demand volume includes interruptible sales to the extent that demand cost is incurred to service interruptible customers.

Subp. 4. **Base electric cost.** "Base electric cost" is the cost of fuel consumed in the generation of electricity and the cost of purchased power in the base period expressed as a cost per kilowatt-hour sold.

Subp. 4a. **Base gas cost.** "Base gas cost" is the cost of purchased gas established in the base period and expressed as a cost per Mcf, Ccf, or Btu sold.

Subp. 5. **Base period.** "Base period" is the 12-month period during which the automatic adjustment of charges is set at zero.

Subp. 5a. **Btu.** "Btu" means British thermal unit.

Subp. 6. [Repealed, 14 SR 977]

Subp. 6a. **Ccf.** "Ccf" means 100 cubic feet.

Subp. 6b. **Commission.** "Commission" means the Public Utilities Commission.

Subp. 6c. **Commodity.** "Commodity" means the volume of gas delivered.

Subp. 6d. **Commodity-delivered gas cost.** "Commodity-delivered gas cost" is the portion of the cost of purchased gas charged a distributing gas utility for its gas supplies and supply-related services, as defined in subpart 12, that is a function of the volume of gas taken. It refers to the cost of purchased gas, including associated costs incurred to deliver the gas to the utility's distribution system.

Subp. 7. **Cost of energy purchased.** "Cost of energy purchased" is the cost of purchased power and net interchange defined by the Minnesota uniform system of accounts, class A and B electric utilities, account 555 and purchased under federally regulated wholesale rates for energy delivered through interstate facilities. All electric public utilities shall use this definition regardless of class.

Subp. 8. **Cost of fossil fuel.** "Cost of fossil fuel" is the current period withdrawals from account 151 as defined by the Minnesota uniform system of accounts, class A and B utilities. All electric public utilities shall use this definition regardless of class.

Subp. 9. **Cost of fuel consumed in the generation of electricity.** "Cost of fuel consumed in the generation of electricity" is the cost of fossil and nuclear fuel.

Subp. 10. **Cost of fuel consumed in manufacture of gas; peak shaving gas volumes.** "Cost of fuel consumed in the manufacture of gas" or "peak shaving gas volumes" is the withdrawals, during the heating season, from account 151 as defined by the Minnesota uniform system of accounts, class A and B gas utilities. All gas public utilities shall use this definition regardless of class.

Subp. 11. **Cost of nuclear fuel.** "Cost of nuclear fuel" is the current period charges and credits to account 518, of the Minnesota uniform system of accounts, class A and B electric utilities excluding any expenses for the cost of fossil fuel. All electric public utilities shall use this definition regardless of class.

Subp. 12. **Cost of purchased gas; incorporation by reference.** "Cost of purchased gas" is the cost of gas as defined by the Minnesota uniform system of accounts, class A and B gas utilities, including accounts 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 804.1, 805, 805.1, 808.1, 809.1, 810, 854, and 858 for energy purchased, as provided by Code of Federal Regulations, title 18, part 201, as amended through April 1, 1988. These accounts are incorporated by reference. The cost of purchased gas also includes the normal and ordinary cost of injection and withdrawal of gas from storage at the time of withdrawal. All gas public utilities shall use this definition regardless of class.

Subp. 13. **Current period.** "Current period" is the most recent two-month moving average used by electric utilities in computing an automatic adjustment of charges. Upon approval of the commission, a self-billing utility may use a longer period, not to exceed 12 months, provided that the provision contains a settlement procedure.

Subp. 13a. **Demand.** "Demand" means the maximum daily volumes of gas that the utility has contracted with a supplier or transporter to receive.

Subp. 13b. **Demand-delivered gas cost.** "Demand-delivered gas cost" is the portion of the cost of purchased gas charged a distributing gas utility for its gas supplies and supply-related services, as defined in subpart 12, other than the commodity-delivered gas cost. It refers to the cost of purchased gas, including associated costs incurred to deliver the gas to the utility's distribution system.

Subp. 13c. **Department.** "Department" means the Department of Commerce.

Subp. 13d. **Design day.** "Design day" means a 24-hour-day period of the greatest possible gas requirement to meet firm customer needs.

Subp. 14. [Repealed, 14 SR 977]

Subp. 15. **Kilowatt-hour sales.** "Kilowatt-hour sales" is the kilowatt-hour delivered during the current or base period less interchange sales. This is the divisor used to obtain current period cost and base period cost per Kwh in part 7825.2600.

Subp. 15a. **Kwh.** "Kwh" means kilowatt-hour.

Subp. 15b. **Mcf.** "Mcf" means 1,000 cubic feet.

Subp. 16. **Prime interest rate.** "Prime interest rate" means the average of the daily prime lending rates offered to preferred customers at the largest bank in the ninth federal reserve district during the period. The largest bank is that bank with the greatest total outstanding deposits as of the end of the calendar year preceding the notice of change in rates.

Subp. 17. **Public utilities.** "Public utilities" is as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, subdivision 4.

Subp. 18. **Test year.** "Test year" is the period of 12 consecutive months used for evaluating a need for a change in rates.

Subp. 19. **Test year demand volume.** "Test year demand volume" is the amount of demand approved by the commission and occurring during the test year.

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