

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS  
(continued)

**Rule 15. Curtailment Priority.**

If a Curtailment order is issued, as described in **RULE 16**, service to Customers shall be curtailed according to the curtailment priorities listed below, with Priority 5 Customers being curtailed first and Priority 1 Customers being curtailed last:

**Priority 5.**

All Interruptible Sales Service and Interruptible Transportation Service usage under Rate Schedules 42, 43, and Special Contracts.

Customers with a Combination Service Type having a Firm base block will be allowed to take Firm Service up to the Customer's Firm MDDV. Amounts in excess of the Firm MDDV may be considered unauthorized and subject to charges under Schedule C.

**Priority 4.**

All Interruptible Sales Service usage under Rate Schedule 41.

Customers with a Combination Service Type having a Firm base block will be allowed to take Firm Service up to the Customer's Firm MDDV. Amounts in excess of the Firm MDDV may be considered unauthorized and subject to charges under Schedule C.

**Priority 3.**

All Firm Sales Service and Firm Transportation Service usage under Rate Schedules 41, 42, 43 and Special Contracts. Firm Service to Essential Human Needs Customers will not be included in Priority 3 provided such Customers can reasonably be identified by the Company and the Curtailment condition allows the Company the ability to maintain continued service to such Customers.

Firm Service under a Combination Service Type may be prorated on an hourly basis.

**Priority 2.**

All Non-Residential usage under Rate Schedule 1 and Rate Schedule 3. Firm service to Essential Human Needs Customers will not be included in Priority 2 provided such Customers can reasonably be identified by the Company and the Curtailment condition allows the Company the ability to maintain continued service to such Customers.

**Priority 1.**

All Firm Residential usage and requirements of Firm Service Essential Human Needs Customers.

Service to Customers in each priority classification shall be curtailed in full or in part on a pro-rata or on a Customer-by-Customer basis, until sufficient volumes have been curtailed, in the Company's judgment, to balance available gas supply, sustain operational control, and/or maintain the integrity of all of portions of the Company's Distribution Facilities.

For purposes of Priority 3, unless a Customer has specified a maximum hourly delivery volume in the Customer's Service Election form, the hourly proration will equal 1/24 of the Customer's Firm MDDV.

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