

**COLUMBIA GAS OF KENTUCKY, INC.**

**GENERAL TERMS, CONDITIONS, RULES AND REGULATIONS**  
**(Continued )**

**25. LATE PAYMENT PENALTY**

A Late Payment Penalty of five percent (5%) may be assessed, only once on any bill for rendered services, excluding Residential Customers, if Customer fails to pay bill by the due date shown on Customer's bill. Any payment received will first be applied to the bill for service rendered. Additional penalty charges shall not be assessed on unpaid penalty charges.

If prior to the due date of payment, Customer in good faith disputes the bill in part or total, and pays to Company such amounts as it concedes to be correct, and at any time thereafter within ten (10) days of a demand made by Company, furnishes a surety bond in an amount and with surety satisfaction to Company, guaranteeing payment to Company of the amount ultimately found due upon such bills after a final determination which may be reached either by agreement or judgment of the courts, as may be the case, then Company shall not be entitled to suspend further delivery of gas unless and until default be made in the conditions of such bond.

**26. RETURNED CHECK FEE**

If Customer's check tendered in payment of a bill for service is returned by a bank as unpaid, Customer will be charged a fee of fifteen dollars (\$15.00) to cover the cost of further processing of the account.

**27. BILL ADJUSTMENT AND MONITORING OF CUSTOMER USAGE**

**Bill Adjustment.** If upon periodic test, request test, or complaint test a meter in service is found to be more than two (2) percent fast, additional tests shall be made to determine the average error of the meter. Said tests shall be made in accordance with commission regulations applicable to the type of meter involved.

If test results on Customer's meter show an average error greater than two (2) percent fast or slow, or if Customer has been incorrectly billed for any other reason, except in an instance where Company has filed a verified complaint with the appropriate law enforcement agency alleging fraud of theft by Customer, Company shall immediately determine the period during which the error has existed, and shall recompute and adjust Customer's bill to either provide a refund to Customer or collect an additional amount of revenue from the underbilled Customer. Company shall readjust the account based upon the period during which the error is know to have existed. If the period during which the error existed cannot be determined with reasonable precision, the time period shall be estimated using such data as elapsed time since the last meter test, if applicable, and historical usage data for Customer. If that data is not available, the average usage of similar customer loads shall be used for comparison purposes in calculating the time period. If Customer and Company are unable to agree on an estimate of the time period during which the error existed, Commission shall determine the issue. In all instances of Customer overbilling, Customer's account shall be credited or the overbilled amount refunded at the

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