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# CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA ORDINANCE NO. 2013-34

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 2005-19 ESTABLISHING A NEW SCHEDULE OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR NATURAL GAS AND SERVICES RENDERED BY THE MUNICIPAL NATURAL GAS UTILITY OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA, AND ORDINANCE NO. 2006-43 ESTABLISHING A NATURAL GAS COST ADJUSTMENT TRACKING FACTOR

WHEREAS, the current schedule of rates and charges for use of and services rendered by the municipally owned natural gas utility were established by Ordinance No. 2005-19 adopted September 15, 2005, which rates incorporate therein as the base cost of gas to the utility the sum of \$7.00 per MCF; and

WHEREAS, the cost of natural gas has significantly decreased since the adoption of the current schedule of rates and charges resulting in a significant negative Gas Cost Adjustment Tracking Factor; and

WHEREAS, there has been presented to the Common Council of the City of Huntingburg a special purpose accounting report prepared by O. W. Krohn & Associates, CPA, dated September 27, 2013, determining that the current cost of gas based upon the twelve (12) months ended May 31, 2013 is \$4.00 per MCF; and

WHEREAS, the Utility Board of the City of Huntingburg and the Utility Rate Advisory Board of the City of Huntingburg have recommended that the current schedule of rates and charges be adjusted by reducing the base rates by the sum of \$3.00 per MCF to more accurately reflect the utility's cost of purchased gas, for a base cost of \$4.00 per MCF; and to make a corresponding adjustment to Appendix "A" of the gas cost adjustment factor; and

WHEREAS, after due notice, the Common Council has conducted a public hearing on the proposed adjustments to the schedule of rates and charges for use of and services rendered by the municipally owned natural gas utility.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Huntingburg, Indiana, as follows:

<u>Section 1.</u> That Ordinance No. 2005-19 establishing a schedule of rates and charges for natural gas services rendered by the municipal natural gas utility of the City of Huntingburg be, and the same is hereby amended to provide for the following schedule of rates:

RESIDENTIAL, MUNICIPAL:	<u>B</u> .	ASE RATES
Monthly Service Charge	\$	7.50
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF	\$	6.5000*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter):	<b>.</b>	5.00
Residential	\$ \$	5.00 5.00
Municipal	Ъ	3.00
COMMERCIAL:		
Monthly Service Charge:		
Multi-Dwelling Complex Per Unit	\$	7.50
All Other Commercial	\$	15.0000
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF	\$	6.5000*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter):		
Multi-Dwelling Complex Per Unit	\$	5.00
All Other Commercial	\$	5.00
SMALL FIRM INDUSTRIAL:		
Monthly Service Charge	\$	140.00
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF	\$	6.5000*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter)	\$	5.00
LARGE FIRM INDUSTRIAL:		
Monthly Service Charge	\$	150.00
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF	\$	5.9000*
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter)	\$	5.00
INTERRUPTIVE:		
Monthly Service Charge	\$	150.00
Monthly Metered Volume Rate per MCF	\$	5.7000*

#### CITY INDUSTRIAL TRANSPORTATION:

Monthly Service Charge	\$ 150.00
Monthly Transportation Charge per MCF	\$ 1.84
Monthly Rural Surcharge (per meter)	\$ 5.00

<sup>\*</sup>All monthly metered volume rates are subject to Gas Cost Adjustment Factor in Appendix "A"

#### **CONNECTION FEE (CITY AND RURAL):**

#### Residential:

There shall be a connection fee for new residential customers in the amount of Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) which shall include one hundred (100) feet of service line from the main with all necessary fittings, valves, meter and regulator. There shall be an additional charge of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per lineal foot of three-quarter (3/4) inch service line required in excess of one hundred (100) feet from the main.

# Commercial, Municipal, Small Firm Industrial:

There shall be a connection fee for rural commercial customers in an amount equal to the actual cost of installation and materials, including pipe, fittings, valves, meter and regulator, and in no event shall such connection fee be less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

## Large Firm Industrial, Interruptible, Industrial Transportation:

There shall be a connection fee for large city firm industrial customers requiring a one and one-quarter (1 1/4) inch or larger service line in an amount equal to the actual cost of installation and materials, including pipe, fittings, valves, meter and regulator, and in no event shall such connection fee be less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00).

#### **RE-CONNECTION CHARGE (ALL CUSTOMERS):**

If service under this schedule is discontinued due to the non-payment of a bill for natural gas service rendered a re-connect charge of Twenty-Eight Dollars (\$28.00) will be levied for restoration of service during usual business hours, and Seventy-Six Dollars (\$76.00) for re-connections on weekends, holidays and after hours.

### PAYMENT (ALL CUSTOMERS):

TOTAL:

Each bill for natural gas service under this schedule is due and payable upon the date it is rendered. Bills not paid for a period of more than fourteen (14) days following the date the bill is rendered shall be a delinquent bill and shall be subject to a collection or deferred payment charge of Ten Percent (10%) on the first Three Dollars (\$3.00) and Three Percent (3%) on the excess over Three Dollars (\$3.00).

Section 2. Ordinance No. 2006-43 is hereby amended by replacing the gas cost adjustment tracking formula attached as Appendix "A" with the gas cost adjustment tracking formula attached hereto and made a part hereof as Appendix "A".

<u>Section 3.</u> All of the terms and provisions of Ordinance No. 2001-43 establishing the terms and character of service of the various customer classifications not in conflict herewith shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 4. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the Common Council, approval by the Mayor, and publication as required by law for bills rendered on and after January 1, 2014.

ADOPTED BY THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURINDI VANA, THIS 12 DAY OF DECEMBER, 2013, BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

Nay	Aye	Abstain	Absent
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	Stephen C. McPherron	A	V
	Linda S. Summers		
	Amy D. Lehr		
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COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGBURG, INDIANA

By: Dennis W. Spinner, Presiding Officer

Thomas A. Dippel, Clerk-Treasurer
Presented by me, the undersigned Clerk-Treasurer of the City of Huntingburg, to the Mayor of said City for his approval on the
Thomas A. Dippel, Clerk-Freasurer
Approved by me, the undersigned Mayor of said City on the True day of True,
2013, at <u>W.15</u> o'clock <u>A</u> .M.
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ATTEST:

#### **HUNTINGBURG (INDIANA) MUNCIPAL GAS UTILITY**

# PROPOSED "APPENDIX A" (Revised December, 2013 - Effective January, 2014 Billing Period)

#### Gas Cost Adjustment Factor:

The Gas Cost Adjustment for the following Rates shall be on the basis of a rate tracking factor, or GCA, occasioned solely by changes in the cost of purchased gas.

#### Rate Classes - All Rates

Applicable to metered usage during:
Usage Month
Applicable to billing periods during:
Billing Month

Based on Average Monthly Delivered Gas Cost of Gas / Mcf S4.00 Gas Cost per Mcf as referenced below.

Average Delivered Gas Cost per Mcf				Applicable GCA Tracking Factor		
Base Rate Cost of Gas to	\$	2.00	to	\$ 2.25	\$	(1.7748)
	\$	2.25	to	\$ 2.50	\$	(1.5213)
	\$	2.50	to	\$ 2.75	\$	(1.2677)
	\$	2.75	to	\$ 3.00	\$	(1.0142)
	\$	3.00	to	\$ 3.25	\$	(0.7606)
	\$	3.25	to	\$ 3.50	\$	(0.5071)
	\$	3.50	to	\$ 3.75	\$	(0.2535)
	\$	3.75	to	\$ 4.00	\$	-
	\$	4.00	to	\$ 4.25	\$	0.2535
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	\$	4.50	to	\$ 4.75	\$	0.7606
	\$	4.75	to	\$ 5.00	\$	1.0142
	\$	5.00	to	\$ 5.25	\$	1.2677
	\$	5.25	to	\$ 5.50	\$	1.5213
	\$	5.50	to	\$ 5.75	\$	1.7748
	\$	5.75	to	\$ 6.00	\$	2.0284
	\$	6.00	to	\$ 6.25	\$	2.2819
	\$	6.25	to	\$ 6.50	\$	2.5355
	\$	6.50	to	\$ 6.75	\$	2.7890
	\$	6.75	to	\$ 7.00	\$	3.0426
	\$	7.00	to	\$ 7.25	\$	3.2961
	\$	7.25	to	\$ 7.50	\$	3.5497
	\$	7.50	to	\$ 7.75	\$	3.8032
	\$	7.75	to	\$ 8.00	\$	4.0568
	\$	8.00	to	\$ 8.25	\$	4.3103
	\$	8.25	to	\$ 8.50	\$	4.5639
	\$	8.50	to	\$ 8.75	\$	4.8174
	\$	8.75	to	\$ 9.00	\$	5.0710
	\$	9.00	to	\$ 9.25	\$	5.3245
	\$	9.25	to	\$ 9.50	\$	5.5781
	\$	9.50	to	\$ 9.75	\$	5.8316
	\$	9.75	to	\$ 10.00	\$	6.0852
	\$	10.00	to	\$ 10.25	\$	6.3387