
**Rate 17
Contract Service**

Availability.

This service is available to any Customer located within such distance of an interstate natural gas pipeline providing gas transportation service so that bypass of the Company's gas distribution system is, in the judgment of the Company, economically feasible and practical.

The Customer shall enter into a contract with the Company specifying the nature of the service to be supplied, the price to be paid, and such other terms and conditions as are mutually agreeable, provided, however, as a condition of service, the Customer will provide to the Company affidavits stating the Customer's intent to bypass the Company's facilities absent service hereunder, and such other evidence required by the Company to verify the investment required on the part of the Customer in order to take gas service directly from an interstate pipeline company.

Contracts.

Contracts entered into hereunder shall be submitted to the Illinois Commerce Commission for informational purposes. Such contracts shall be treated on a proprietary basis.

The maximum term of contract under this rate shall be five years.

Charges.

The charges hereunder, including any applicable gas charges, shall be the charges contained in the contract between the Customer and the Company.