

Residential Assistance Heating Rate
Boston Division
Classification No. R-4B

Availability:

Gas delivery service under this rate is available upon verification of a low-income Customer's receipt of any means-tested benefit, or verification of eligibility for the low-income home energy assistance program, or its successor program, for which eligibility does not exceed 200 percent of the federal poverty level based on a household's gross income. In a program year in which maximum eligibility for LIHEAP exceeds 200 percent of the federal poverty level, a household that is income eligible under LIHEAP shall be eligible for the low-income discount. The customer must be 18 years of age or older, head of household, a residential customer of record, and have gas space heating equipment. It is the responsibility of the customer to certify annually to the utility, on forms provided by the utility, the customer's continued eligibility for the low-income rate.

This rate is available only to residential customers located in the Boston Division service territory and excludes institutions, hotels, apartments, and rooming houses in which the individual tenants are not billed separately.

Character of Service:

Natural gas containing not less than 960 B.T.U. per cubic foot.

Distribution Service Rate:

Customer Charge:	\$12.00 per 30 Day Month
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Energy Charge during the months of:

November - April	\$0.8945 per Therm
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May - October	\$0.5032 per Therm
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Other Charges for Distribution Service and Minimum Charge:

The customer must also pay such charges and adjustments as are set forth in the Company's Local Distribution Adjustment Clause (LDAC), Revenue Decoupling Adjustment Clause (RDA), and Performance-Based Ratemaking (PBR) Plan filings, as in effect from time to time and on file with Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities (Department). The minimum charge per month shall be the Customer Charge.

Supply Charges:

If the customer purchases its gas from a third party, supply charges will be as agreed upon between the customer and the third party supplier (and may be billed directly by the third party supplier or through the Company as a separate item in the Company's bills to the customer). If the customer does not purchase its gas from a third party, it will receive Default Service from the Company and will pay the costs set

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forth in the Company's Cost of Gas Adjustment Clause (CGAC) in effect from time to time and on file with the Department.

Terms and Conditions of Distribution Service:

As in effect from time to time.

Farm Discount:

A customer who is certified annually by the Department of Food and Agriculture as being eligible for the Farm Discount Program will receive a discount in the amount of ten (10) percent from the charges set forth in this rate schedule.

Low Income Discount:

The total amount resulting from billing of all charges under this rate shall be adjusted by a discount of 25 percent.