

**High Load Factor General Service Rate – Large
Essex Division
Classification No. G-53E**

Availability:

Available to commercial, industrial, and institutional customers located in the former Essex service territory whose metered use in the most recent peak period of November through April is less than seventy-three (73) percent of the metered use for the most recent twelve consecutive months of September through August, and whose normal annual usage is greater than 180,000 Therms.

In the case of a new customer, or a customer with new gas applications, the peak percentage classification for the first year shall be that agreed upon by the Company and the Customer.

Character of Service:

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

Distribution Service Rate:

Customer Charge:	\$553.00 per 30 Day Month
Reservation Charge - \$/MDCQ Therm Per Month:	
November - April	\$7.3089 per Peak MDCQ Therm
May - October	\$2.2855 per Off Peak MDCQ Therm

Determination of Maximum Daily Contract Quantity (MDCQ):

Each season's MDCQ is redetermined annually. The calculation uses the Customer's billing history for the previous peak and off-peak seasons. The number of therms used in each billing period is adjusted to a 30-day basis. The highest monthly usage for each season is then divided by 21 to determine each season's MDCQ. Upon the written request of the Customer, the Company may adjust the Customer's seasonal MDCQ once between the seasonal determination of MDCQs if the Customer's natural gas-fired equipment has changed such that estimated metered use will increase or decrease by at least twenty-five (25) percent. The Company shall require documentation of equipment changes before a mid-year adjustment to the MDCQ is made. Any adjustment to the MDCQ shall not be retroactive.

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.

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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 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.