

## LAS CRUCES UTILITIES

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<b>NATURAL GAS</b>
<b>RESIDENTIAL SERVICE</b>

## AVAILABILITY

Available in the Las Cruces Utilities gas service area for the exclusive use of the individual customer for domestic purposes, e.g., cooking, water heating, space heating, or clothes drying. Service to buildings attached to the residence, including garages and other minor buildings for the use of the residents, may also be provided through the residential meter. Service under this rate schedule shall also be provided to multi-family dwelling units within a single structure under single ownership provided that the predominant gas use is attributable to the primary dwelling unit. Service to a residence which is used in part for commercial purposes shall be served under this rate schedule only if the predominant usage is for residential purposes.

## RATE

The bills are the sum of:

### **Cost of Gas Charges**

Volume charge per dth..... pursuant to terms stated in the Cost of Gas Schedule

### **Cost of Service Charges**

Access charge per month..... \$13.75  
Volume charge per dth..... \$1.34

### **Tax and Fee**

Applicable Taxes & Franchise Fee assessed by a Governmental Authority and not included in Cost of Service Rates.

## BILLING UNITS

The unit volume for the purpose of billing shall be a dekatherm (dth) of gas for the amount consumed during a billing cycle.

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<b>NATURAL GAS</b>
<b>SMALL COMMERCIAL SERVICE</b>

## AVAILABILITY

Available in the Las Cruces Utilities gas service area for any establishment engaged in the operation of a business or an institution, whether or not for profit.

Total annual use shall be less than or equal to 4,000 dekatherms (dth). New commercial service accounts with no prior consumption history and having an installed meter capacity below 1,000 cubic feet per hour (cfh) will be deemed Small Commercial Service unless definitive information is provided by the customer to properly determine the appropriate gas service schedule. Gas consumption history for existing accounts will be used to determine the appropriate service schedule unless specific information is provided by the customer to properly classify the service under the appropriate schedule.

If a customer's annual consumption review equals or exceeds 90% of the consumption test and its load demonstrates that it should qualify for service under a different class of service, Las Cruces Utilities shall reclassify the customer to the more appropriate rate class.

## RATE

The bills are the sum of:

### **Cost of Gas Charges**

Volume charge per dth..... pursuant to terms stated in the Cost of Gas Schedule

### **Cost of Service Charges**

Access charge per month..... \$16.41  
Volume charge per dth..... \$1.07

### **Tax and Fee**

Applicable Taxes & Franchise Fee assessed by a Governmental Authority and not included in Cost of Service Rates.

## BILLING UNITS

The unit volume for the purpose of billing shall be a dekatherm (dth) of gas for the amount consumed in a billing cycle.

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<b>NATURAL GAS</b>
<b>IRRIGATION PUMPING SERVICE</b>

## AVAILABILITY

Available in the Las Cruces Utilities gas service area for irrigation water pumping.

## RATE

The bills are the sum of:

### **Cost of Gas Charges**

Volume charge per dth..... pursuant to terms stated in the Cost of Gas Schedule

### **Cost of Service Charges**

Access charge per month..... \$16.56  
Volume charge per dth..... \$0.76

### **Tax and Fee**

Applicable Taxes & Franchise Fee assessed by a Governmental Authority and not included in Cost of Services Rates.

## BILLING UNITS

The unit volume for the purpose of billing shall be a dekatherm (dth) of gas for the amount consumed in a billing cycle.

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## NATURAL GAS

### LARGE COMMERCIAL SERVICE

#### AVAILABILITY

Available in the Las Cruces Utilities gas service area for any establishment engaged in the operation of a business or an institution, whether or not for profit.

Total annual use shall be in excess of 4,000 dekatherms (dth) but not greater than 16,000 dth. New commercial service accounts with no prior consumption history and having an installed meter capacity of at least 1,000 cubic feet per hour (cfh) will be categorized under this service schedule unless definitive information is provided by the customer to properly determine the appropriate gas service schedule. Gas consumption history for existing accounts will be used to determine the appropriate service schedule unless specific information is provided by the customer to properly classify the service under the appropriate schedule. After qualification, service shall be for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months. Upon termination of twelve (12) consecutive month period, customer must re-qualify for applicability of this rate.

If a customer's annual consumption review equals or exceeds 90% of the consumption test and its load demonstrates that it should qualify for a service under a different class of service, Las Cruces Utilities shall reclassify the customer to the more appropriate rate class.

#### RATE

The bills are the sum of:

##### **Cost of Gas Charges**

Volume charge per dth..... pursuant to terms stated in the Cost of Gas Schedule

##### **Cost of Service Charges**

Access charge per month..... \$214.86

Volume charge per dth..... \$1.02

##### **Tax and Fee**

Applicable Taxes & Franchise Fee assessed by a Governmental Authority and not included in Cost of Service Rates.

#### BILLING UNITS

The unit volume for the purpose of billing shall be a dekatherm (dth) of gas for the amount consumed in a billing cycle.

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## NATURAL GAS

## INDUSTRIAL SERVICE

### AVAILABILITY

Available in the Las Cruces Utilities gas service area for any establishment engaged in the operation of a business or an institution, whether or not for profit.

Total annual use shall be in excess of 16,000 dekatherms (dth) but not greater than 125,000 dth. New industrial service accounts with no prior consumption history will be deemed Large Commercial Service unless definitive information is provided by the customer to properly determine the appropriate gas service schedule. Gas consumption history for existing accounts will be used to determine the appropriate service schedule unless specific information is provided by the customer to properly classify the service under the appropriate schedule. After qualification, service shall be for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months. Upon termination of twelve (12) consecutive month period, customer must re-qualify for applicability of this rate.

If a customer's annual consumption review equals or exceeds 90% of the consumption test and its load demonstrates that it should qualify for a service under a different class of service, Las Cruces Utilities shall reclassify the customer to the more appropriate rate class.

### RATE

The bills are the sum of:

#### **Cost of Gas Charges**

Volume charge per dth..... pursuant to terms stated in the Cost of Gas Schedule

#### **Cost of Service Charges**

Access charge per month..... \$859.44

Volume charge per dth..... \$1.02

#### **Tax and Fee**

Applicable Taxes & Franchise Fee assessed by a Governmental Authority and not included in Cost of Service Rates.

### BILLING UNITS

The unit volume for the purpose of billing shall be a dekatherm (dth) of gas for the amount consumed in a billing cycle.

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<b>NATURAL GAS</b>
<b>HIGH VOLUME SERVICE</b>

## AVAILABILITY

Available in the Las Cruces Utilities gas service area for any establishment engaged in the operation of a business or an institution, whether or not for profit.

Total annual use shall be greater than 125,000 dekatherms (dth). Customer must have at least twelve (12) consecutive months of consumption to qualify for this rate. After qualification, service shall be for a minimum of twelve (12) consecutive months. Upon termination of twelve (12) consecutive month period, customer must re-qualify for applicability of this rate.

## RATE

The bills are the sum of:

### **Cost of Gas Charges**

Volume charge per dth.....	pursuant to terms stated in the Cost of Gas Schedule
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### **Cost of Service Charges**

Access charge per month.....	\$1,043.41
Volume charge per dth.....	\$0.29

### **Tax and Fee**

Applicable Taxes & Franchise Fee assessed by a Governmental Authority and not included in Cost of Service Rates.

## BILLING UNITS

The unit volume for the purpose of billing shall be dekatherm (dth) of gas for the amount consumed in a billing cycle.

## NATURAL GAS

### COST OF GAS SCHEDULE

#### APPLICABILITY

All rate schedules for natural gas service are subject to a cost of gas factor. The cost of gas factor will be determined as conditions warrant.

#### **Cost of Gas Charges Calculation**

The cost of gas charge per dth will be computed monthly and consists of the total natural gas cost the City pays to its suppliers(s) and natural gas transportation provider(s). These costs include the following:

##### **1. Transportation Cost**

- a) The sum of annual pipeline capacity reservation charges, divided by
- b) Estimated annual throughput (dth), plus
- c) Unit usage rate per dekatherm (dth), plus
- d) Surcharges.

##### **2. Commodity Cost**

- a) Costs paid to natural gas supplier(s).

##### **3. Mainline Fuel Assessment**

- a) Mainline fuel assessed by natural gas transportation pipeline.

#### **Tax and Fee**

Applicable Taxes & Franchise Fees.



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## NATURAL GAS

### NEW CONNECTION CHARGES

**New Connection for Standard Service and Metering Fee**.....\$387.00 per connection

Standard Service and Metering for the purposes of a new connection shall consist of 50 feet of ¾ inch service line and one 250 cubic feet per hour (cfh) meter.

A new standard connection exceeding 50 feet of service line will be charged \$4.80 per foot to complete the connection.

**New Connection for Non Standard Service and Metering Fee**

A new connection requiring metering capacity greater than 250 cfh shall be charged the total cost of the higher capacity metering for the new connection and the Service Line Charge shall be \$15.70 per foot to complete the connection for the first 50 feet and \$4.80 per foot for a service line connection exceeding 50 feet.

Connected Load Up to But Not Exceeding	Meter Charge
400 cfh	\$305.00
675 cfh	\$1,030.00
1,000 cfh	\$1,340.00
1,500 cfh	\$1,340.00
>1,500 cfh	\$3,550.00
	<i>Plus an additional \$1,460.00 if an Electro Corrector is required</i>

**Other charges (not applicable to New Service Connection and Metering)**

Dona Ana County Road Fee.....	Based on applicable County charges
EBID Permit.....	Based on applicable EBID charges
Uncased Road Bore.....	Based on cost and material
Cased Road Bore.....	Based on cost and material

New connections to LCU main lines that require off-site improvements to connect service shall be based on the specific cost of material and labor.

Pavement patching exceeding 25 linear feet shall be charged.....\$30.00 per foot  
 Non-standard pavement cut and patch.....\$750.00  
 Manifold installation charge.....\$177.00 per Single Meter Manifold

**Example would be as follows where more than 1 Meter Manifold is requested:**

2 Meter Manifold Cost \$177.00\*2=\$354.00  
 3 Meter Manifold Cost \$177.00\*3=\$531.00

**\$150 Unable to Connect Service Charge**

This charge shall be made when Las Cruces Utilities is notified by the customer or customer's representative that the service site is ready for service and connection and utility personnel have been scheduled to physically connect service, but are unable to connect the service due to, among other things, work site obstructions or incomplete service installation necessary for the utility to perform the necessary and appropriate connection.

<b>NATURAL GAS</b>
<b>NATURAL GAS MAIN EXTENSION POLICY</b>

## APPLICABILITY

Natural gas main extensions necessary to any location within the City’s service territory that Las Cruces Utilities (“LCU”) determines is economically feasible and does not cause an unreasonable incremental cost to existing Customers.

### **Connection Incentive Allowance**

To determine if a gas main extension is economically feasible, LCU will evaluate the Connection Incentive Allowance and the total cost of a specific gas main extension to an unserved area in the City’s gas service territory. The Connection Incentive Allowance is based on the expected five (5) year base revenue stream from potential customers of a gas main expenditure that may be incurred for an “average” Customer without significant adverse effect to existing Customers. The Connection Incentive Allowance will be based on a system wide average consumption level of 80 dekatherms per year and rounded to \$1,400.00, and revised as gas service base rates are revised.

### **Gas Main Extension Assessment and Connection Incentive Allowance Administration**

LCU will calculate the Cost of Gas Main Assessment per parcel based on the total project estimated cost and the number of parcels that will benefit from the gas main extension. At the discretion of LCU, the calculation of the Cost of Gas Main Assessment will be determined based on the units of parcels or service points. (*Calculated Gas Main Extension Total Project Cost / Number of parcels that benefit from gas main extension = Cost of Gas Main Assessment*)

When the project has been accepted, LCU will notify all parcel property owners benefiting from the gas main extension. The date of this letter will serve as the Notification Date for purposes of the provisions below. The letter shall inform the parcel property owners that construction is complete and of the process for requesting connection, paying the assessment, and other provisions of this policy.

The Cost of Gas Main Assessment minus the Connection Incentive Allowance is the Remaining Assessment Balance that can be paid in full or over a sixty (60) month period by the parcel property owner. In the event the Cost of Gas Main Extension project cost is less than the Connection Incentive Allowance, there will be no Remaining Assessment Balance, provided the parcel property owner contacts the City of Las Cruces within three (3) months of the Notification Date.

### **Developed Property**

The parcel property owner will have three (3) months after the notification date to contact the City of Las Cruces to finalize connection and receive gas service, in order to utilize the Connection Incentive Allowance. This does not include Connection Fees as outlined in the New Connection Charges Schedule of the Las Cruces Utilities Gas Tariff. The connection charges and all applicable fees will be due at the time of connection.

- After three (3) months from the Notification Date, the Connection Incentive Allowance terminates, and the parcel property owner will pay required to the full Cost of Gas Main Assessment amount or elect the installment payment option.

## NATURAL GAS

### NATURAL GAS MAIN EXTENSION POLICY

#### Undeveloped Property

In the instance where there is an undeveloped parcel(s) with no existing structure within developed areas benefiting from a gas main extension, the parcel property owner will have ten (10) years from the Notification Date to utilize the Connection Incentive Allowance. The utilization of the Connection Incentive Allowance will then be solely contingent on the parcel property owner connecting and receiving gas service within three (3) months after a Certificate of Occupancy has been issued. This does not include Connection Fees as outlined in the New Connection Charges Schedule of the Las Cruces Utilities Gas Tariff. The connection charges and all applicable fees will be due at the time of connection.

- A parcel property owner that elects to utilize the Connection Incentive Allowance before building on their undeveloped parcel, will be required to pay the full amount of the Remaining Assessment Balance, and will not have the installment payment option.

#### Gas Main Extension Assessment

Contributions from the parcel property owner will be categorized as an assessment with the installment payment option to pay up to sixty (60) monthly payments at 3.78% annual interest that will begin to accrue at the time of connection.

#### General Terms

For parcel property owners who agree to pay the assessment under the installment payment option, whether they are the LCU's customer or not (in the case of renters/lessees), the monthly payment amount will be billed to the parcel property owner. Should the parcel property owner fail to pay all monies due, as herein provided, the City may exercise any or all of the following remedies: terminate all City utility service to the parcel property; file a municipal lien on the parcel property; and pursue in any other collection remedy available. In the event the parcel property owner sells or transfers ownership of the parcel property when there is an assessment balance due, the full unpaid balance is due on or before City utility service for the parcel property is transferred to a new customer. The "due on sale or transfer" requirement also applies to foreclosure, deed in lieu of foreclosure, or short sales, and to probate or death transfers. The payment obligation due resides with the parcel property owner who agreed to the installment payment option until paid in full. No penalties will be assessed for early payment of the assessment amount.

This policy does not apply to newly constructed subdivisions as of the initial approval date of this tariff schedule.