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# RE: Equitable Gas Company, LLC's Gas Tariff Revisions to Section 1 of Rules and Regulations "Establishing Service" In Compliance with Commission Order at Docket No. L-00060182

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

**Eouitable Gas** 

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Equitable Gas Company, LLC, ("Company") hereby submits for filing an original and eight (8) copies of Supplement No. 77 to its Tariff Gas – Pa. P.U.C. No. 22 ("Supplement No. 77"). Supplement No. 77 presents revisions to Section 1 of the Company's Tariff Rules and Regulations "Establishing Service" to include a new Section 1.9 "Liability of a Prior Bill". The revisions are being filed in compliance with the Chapter 56 Rulemaking Order of the Public Utility Commission entered June 13, 2011. Supplement No. 77 is being filed on sixty (60) days notice pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §53.101. If there is a shortened notice period, please contact the undersigned.

Copies of this filing are being served on the Office of Consumer Advocate, the Office of the Small Business Advocate, the Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement and the Bureau of Technical Utility Services. Any questions regarding this filing should be directed to Carol Scanlon at 412-395-2544.

Very truly yours, David W. Grav/Esquire General Counsel PA State Bar No. 7611

cc: Paul Diskin, TUS Office of Consumer Advocate Office of Small Business Advocate Bureau of Investigations and Enforcement

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Tariff Supplement Filed to Reflect Changes to Rules and Regulations Section 1 Establishing Service to Include Section 1.9 Liability of a Prior Bill in Compliance with Commission Order entered June 13, 2011 at Docket No. L-00060182

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WILLIAM R. LUCAS Executive Vice President EQUITABLE GAS COMPANY, LLC 225 NORTH SHORE DRIVE PITTSBURGH, PA 15212~5861

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LIST OF CHANGES MADE BY THIS TARIFF SUPPLEMENT

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## RULES AND REGULATIONS - (Continued)

### 1.8 Resale of Gas By Customer

All gas sales pursuant to the terms of this Tariff are to the ultimate purchaser and are not to be resold for profit in violation of 66 Pa. C.S.A. Section 1313.

#### 1.9 Liability for a Prior Bill

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The Company will utilize available means of determining liability for a past due balance of any applicant or customer. This may include the following:

Use of company records maintained in the ordinary course of business.
Use of skip tracing tools.

### 2. GAS MEASUREMENT

#### 2.1 Meter Tests

The measurement of gas by meter shall be conclusive upon the customer and the Company excepting when such meter ceases to register, proves to be defective, or is found by test not to be accurate within the limits specified in the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission. In such cases, the consumption for the period in question shall be estimated unless the Commission's regulations require otherwise. In the event of the customer's dissatisfaction with the accuracy of the meter, the Company will, upon written application, have the same removed, sealed and tested, and a certificate of test given the customer. If the meter so tested shall be found to be accurate within the limits specified in the Regulations of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission, the customer shall, upon presentation of bill, pay the Company for such test according to the schedule of charges for testing meters formulated by the Commission.

## 2.2 Definition of a Cubic Foot

- (a) Low Pressure Sales: For sales at standard distribution or low pressure other than as provided for under (b) below, a cubic foot of gas shall be the amount of gas which occupies a volume of one cubic foot at the time metered and under the conditions existing at the customer's meter.
- (b) Other than Low Pressure Sales as under (a) above: For sales at high or intermediate pressures not covered under (a) above, a cubic foot of gas shall be that amount of gas that occupies a volume of one cubic foot at an absolute pressure of 14.73 pounds per square inch and a temperature of 60° Fahrenheit.

### 2.3 Estimated Consumption

The Company will estimate consumption for one month of each meter reading period where scheduled meter readings are on a bi-monthly basis (See Rule 3.2), and will estimate consumption when scheduled meter readings are not obtained because of emergency conditions or inability to gain access to the meter location, or where a meter for any reason



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