



Section 4.03 ESTIMATED BILLING

Pursuant to South Dakota Administrative Rules 20:10:17:11, when access to a Meter cannot be gained or Meter data is unavailable, an estimated bill may be rendered by the Company. When necessary, the Company may render estimated bills without reading Meters or supplying Meter Reading forms to Customers.

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Estimated bills are based on the Customer's normal consumption for a corresponding period during the preceding year, or average consumption during the three preceding months, or any other method authorized by the South Dakota Public Utilities Commission. As provided in Section 4.02 of these General Rules and Regulations, only in unusual cases such as inability to gain access to the Meter or bad weather, the Company may estimate three or more consecutive bills with Customer approval.

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If an estimated bill appears to be abnormal when a subsequent reading or Energy consumption is obtained, the bill for the entire period is computed at a rate which contemplates the use of service during the entire period and the estimated bill is deducted. If there is reasonable evidence that the use occurred during only one billing period, the bill shall be so computed.

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