

## **RATE SCHEDULE BB BUDGET BILLING (OPTIONAL RIDER)**

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### **AVAILABILITY:**

Available throughout the entire territory served by the Company.

### **APPLICABILITY:**

This budget billing rider will, upon request by the Customer, be applied to any customer receiving electric service under Rate Schedules RS, RSVP, GS, GSD, GSDT, GSTOU, LP, LPT, PX, PXT, and RTP except those customers with current delinquent bills or those customers disqualified from the program within the twelve preceding months. Eligible customers will be notified of availability of this rider annually. Gulf Power shall have 30 days to establish Budget Billing upon request of the Customer.

### **BILLING:**

Under the Budget Billing plan, the Monthly billing is determined as follows:

1. The Annual Base Amount is calculated using the most recent 12 months billings for the premises (including billings for Rate Schedule OS, if any,) and then averaged and rounded to the nearest whole dollar (Monthly Budget Billing Amount). If the customer has not occupied the premises for 12 months, the Annual Base Amount will be determined by the Customer's available monthly billings plus the previous occupant's billings. If the premises is new or sufficient actual consumption is not available, a 12-month estimated bill will be used.
2. The Monthly Budget Billing Amount is recalculated every month using the most recent Annual Base Amount plus any deferred balances (the difference in prior billings made under the Budget Billing Plan and that of actual charges).

$$\begin{array}{rcccl} \text{Monthly Budget} & & & & \\ \text{Billing Amount} & = & \frac{\text{12-month Summation}}{12} & + & \text{Deferred} \\ & & \text{Actual or Est. Annual Base} & & \text{Balance} \end{array}$$



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For each month except the annual review month, if the difference between the newly calculated Monthly Budget Billing Amount and the current Monthly Budget Billing Amount is greater than \$5.00 and 10%, then the Monthly Budget Billing Amount will be reestablished at the newly calculated amount (rounded to the nearest whole dollar). In the Customer's annual review month, the Monthly Billing Amount will be reestablished at the newly calculated amount.

3. At the Customer's option (in lieu of carrying the deferred balance forward in the recalculation of the Monthly Budget Billing Amount) any deferred balance that is outstanding at the Customer's annual review may be settled either through being applied to the Customer's new bill (if a credit balance) or direct payment to the Company (if a debit balance).

#### **TERM OF CONTRACT:**

Upon request of the Customer, billing under the provisions of this rider shall continue thereafter until terminated as provided below.

#### **TERMINATION:**

Billing under this agreement shall be subject to termination by either party giving notice to the other party. This agreement may be terminated by the Company if the account becomes delinquent. In the event billing under this agreement is terminated, any amount the Customer has been underbilled shall immediately become due and payable to the Company and any amount overbilled shall be refunded to the Customer. Billing may be terminated under this agreement without terminating or affecting any service agreement between the Company and the Customer. In such event, billing under the normal monthly billing procedure will be resumed subsequent to the settlement statement rendered by the Company; however, nothing in this agreement shall be construed to waive the Company's rights to discontinue service in the event of failure to pay bills or for any other lawful cause as set forth in its electric tariff.

Service under this rate schedule is subject to Rules and Regulations of the Company and the Florida Public Service Commission.

**ISSUED BY:** Travis Bowden