

GENERAL INFORMATION

12. System Benefits Charge (SBC)

A System Benefit Charge (SBC) recovers costs associated with clean energy activities conducted by the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority (NYSERDA). The SBC is collected from the following Service Classifications: 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9.

On an annual basis, the SBC Statement shall be filed on not less than 15 days' notice to become effective January 1st. The Company shall reserve the right to file the SBC Statement on a more frequent basis as necessary to accommodate changes to program costs as directed by a Commission Order. Such filing shall be made on not less than 15 days' notice prior to the effective date.

Such statement may be found at the end of this Schedule (P.S.C. No. 16 – Gas). The statement shall set forth the following surcharge rates:

A. Clean Energy Fund (CEF) Surcharge Rate:

The CEF surcharge rate collects funds associated with clean energy activities administered by NYSEDA and includes the following program activities: NYSEDA Low- to Moderate-Income (LMI) Energy Efficiency and Building Electrification (EE/BE) Portfolio. The surcharge rate shall be calculated by dividing the necessary collections by the projected annual therm sales. Necessary collections shall include:

1. Annual authorized collections for NYSEDA administered programs, plus or minus any under- or over-collections for prior years.
2. The NYSEDA LMI EE/BE Surcharge shall collect funds for the LMI EE/BE Portfolio for the 2026-2032 period. Costs to be included shall be specified by the Commission under Case No. 25-M-0249. The rate shall be set annually with LMI EE/BE program costs divided by projected sales, plus or minus any under- or over-collections, with uncommitted funds and accrued interest used to offset future collections.

B. Company-Administered Energy Efficiency/Building Electrification (“EE/BE”) Programs Surcharge

Costs associated with the Company-administered EE/BE programs shall be recovered from customers through the SBC. Costs shall be allocated to customers using the same allocations as included in base rate recoveries for the most recent rate case.