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§ 138.1 Late payment charge

Any municipality furnishing gas, electric or steam service may impose a late payment charge, either one-time or continuing interest type, because of the failure of any customer to pay a bill for such service within a specified period therein stated.

§ 138.2 Contents of bill

If any municipality furnishing gas, electric or steam service elects to impose a one-time charge for late payment for such service, it shall show on each bill the amount billed, the amount that will be due, including the late payment charge, when the late payment charge becomes applicable.

§ 138.3 Amount of one-time payment charge

If a one-time payment charge is imposed, it shall not exceed an amount equal to 10 percent of the first \$ 10 of any bill, plus three percent of any amount of such bill in excess of \$ 10; provided, however, that a minimum charge may be made of not to exceed 15 cents per bill; and further provided that there may be allowed in any block of a rate schedule a late payment charge of one mill per kilowatt hour of electricity or one mill per 100 cubic feet of gas.

§ 138.4 Contents of rate schedules

In case a one-time late payment charge is imposed, the rate schedules shall show the rates for service, the amount due including the late payment charge when the charge becomes applicable, and the period during which the bill may be paid without the imposition of the late payment charge.

§ 138.5 Increase in rates prohibited

No municipality furnishing gas, electric or steam service shall, without special permission of this commission, so revise or amend its rate schedules, in compliance with this Part, as to increase the rates for service applicable to any customer as compared with the rates now in effect.