

GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

Voluntary Contribution Mechanism. Shippers may voluntarily choose to contribute to GRI programs through a "check-the-box" mechanism on Shipper payment remittance. The "check-the-box" mechanism will permit shippers to specify the level of contribution and the project(s) or project area(s) to be funded at the time of the Shipper's contribution payment. Northern shall serve as voluntary collection agent for such collections and amounts collected pursuant to the "check-the-box" mechanism will not be considered part of pipeline rates.

Remittance to GRI. Northern shall remit to GRI, not later than fifteen (15) days after the receipt thereof, all dollars received by virtue of the Voluntary Contribution Mechanism, less any amounts properly payable to a Federal, State or Local authority relating to the dollars received hereunder. Northern shall indicate to the GRI the amounts applicable to specific project(s) and project area(s), if so indicated by Shipper(s).

36. ANNUAL RATE ADJUSTMENT TO RECOVER FEDERAL ENERGY REGULATORY COMMISSION EXPENSES (ACA)

Purpose. This Section 36 describes the procedures by which Northern may revise its throughput rates annually pursuant to the provisions of 18 CFR 154.38(d)(6) of the Commission's Regulations to recover the annual charges assessed Northern by the Commission pursuant to Part 382 of its Regulations. Northern intends to recover these costs under these tariff provisions and not in a NGA Section 4 rate case.

Basis for the ACA Unit Charge. The Rate Schedules as set forth on the applicable Rate Sheets shall include an increment for the Annual