

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT HEAT RATES**

Adopted: October 23, 2017  
 Effective Date: All billing after November 1, 2017  
 Service Area: City of Jamestown, New York

**ALL METERED ACCOUNTS:**

Basic Service Charge: \$5.95 per month

Monthly Meter Charge:

<u>BTU Meter Size:</u>	<u>Charge:</u>
1"	\$13.05
1 ½ "	\$16.69
2"	\$23.84
3"	\$26.66
4"	\$30.62
6"	\$43.28

Fuel Cost Adjustment ("FCA"): Charge amount fluctuates and is calculated periodically to reflect the actual fuel expense incurred to provide service. This charge will be multiplied by metered units consumed and added to the bill. The prevailing FCA rate is available at [www.jamestownbpu.com](http://www.jamestownbpu.com).

Delivery Charge:

<u>Rate Classification</u>	<u>Consumption</u>	<u>Delivery Charge Per MMBTU</u>
Service Class 2 - Small	No minimum. All consumption billed.	\$7.11
Service Class 3 - Large	All consumption billed or minimum of 300 MMBTU per month will be billed, whichever is greater.*	\$5.63
Service Class 6 - Special	Minimum consumption of 20,000 MMBTU per calendar year. All consumption billed.	\$3.90

*\*FCA billing is based off actual consumption.*

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT HEAT RATES****BILLING DEFINITIONS**

**Basic Service Charge:** A *Basic Service Charge* is a fixed charge per month associated with administrative costs, including meter readings and billing. This charge is billed whether or not there is any heat consumption and does not include any usage.

**Billing Unit:** A *Billing Unit* is defined as "one million BTU's of heat - 1 MMBTU" as measured by the meter. A BTU (British Thermal Unit) is the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit.

**Delivery Charge:** The *Delivery Charge* is the charge per billing unit of district heat consumed each month based on the actual, or estimated meter readings.

**District Heat Account:** A *District Heat Account* is considered an individual BTU meter providing service to a single consumer, within a building or buildings bounded by public sidewalks, streets, alleys, waterways, railroads, or other rights of way. All accounts must have BTU meters installed.

**Fuel Cost Adjustment:** A *Fuel Cost Adjustment ("FCA")* shall be calculated periodically to reflect the actual fuel expense incurred to provide service. This charge will be multiplied by metered units consumed and added to the bill.

**Meter Charge:** A *Meter Charge* is a flat rate assigned to each utility meter which covers fixed costs in providing, maintaining, and servicing the district heat meter. This charge is billed whether or not there is any heat consumption and does not include any usage.

**Meter Reading:** A *Meter Reading* is typically obtained by reading the actual BTU meter on a monthly basis. The Board of Public Utilities (BPU) may estimate that monthly reading in the event it is unable to obtain the actual reading. The estimated reading shall be so designated on the bill and is based on previous meter readings for the account. It is the responsibility of the property/building owner to provide the BPU proper access to the meter to enable its reading, inspection, and maintenance.

**Totalized Account:** A *Totalized Account* will be allowed to a single site (contiguous properties owned by and billed to one consumer) with multiple BTU meters. The Basic Service Charges and monthly Meter Charge on each meter will also be totalized.

**DAMAGED METERS:**

The customer is responsible for the protection of the installed BTU meter. The customer is liable for any physical damage occurring to the installed meter whether from "freezing" as a result of inadequate protection from freezing temperatures or any other cause. Replacement of damaged meters will be billed to the customer at the actual cost incurred by the BPU in replacing the damaged meter.

**SCHEDULE OF DISTRICT HEAT RATES****METER TESTING:**

The BPU reserves the right to remove and test any district heat meter at any time and to substitute another meter in its place. In case of a disputed account involving the questions as to the accuracy of the meter, such meter will be tested by the BPU on a request of the customer. The fee for testing such meters will be \$50.00 payable in advance of the test. In the event that the meter so tested is found to have an error in registration in excess of four per cent (4 %) to the prejudice of the customer, the fee advanced for testing will be refunded and the bills will be adjusted for over-registration in accordance with the method as outlined in the current rules and regulations of the Public Service Commission of the State of New York covering the testing of district heating meters.

**TERMS OF PAYMENT:**

Regular bills for district heating service will be rendered monthly. Bills rendered are due upon receipt, and are considered delinquent 23 days from the billing date. Bills may be paid at the BPU, the City Treasurer, or other places as designated by the BPU or City Treasurer. If bills are not paid within the period specified thereon, the customer shall be required to pay a late payment charge at the rate of one and one-half percent (1 ½ %) per month, which will be applied to all amounts previously billed, including arrears and unpaid late payment charges.

District Heat service is subject to disconnection for non-payment of charges 15 days after payment becomes delinquent. Services will be restored upon payment of the district heat bill, plus late payment charge, and service reconnection charge of \$30.00 within regular working hours or \$160.00 outside of regular working hours. Regular working hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays. Failure to receive a bill will not release a customer from payment obligations or entitle the customer to escape the late payment charge imposed on delinquent accounts.

**MAIN EXTENSION POLICY:**

The BPU shall install district heat mains to serve additional customers provided the total cost incurred by the BPU shall render a full return on investment within ten years. The return on investment in ten years must also recognize the interest carrying cost during the ten year period as a reduction to the available investment. Any cost for the installation over and above this ten year pay back shall be paid by the customer.

All other main extensions shall be installed by the BPU at the expense of the owner.

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**SERVICES CONNECTION POLICY:**

For new district heat services, the customer is responsible for the district heat service lateral from the main tap to the structure. The customer shall pay a New Service Charge, as outlined below, to defray BPU labor and material costs for district heat tap, valves, meter, and testing. The customer shall make provisions to properly excavate from the building to the district heat mains in the street; furnish and install district heat service; backfill and restore sidewalks and street paving in compliance with local government requirements.

New Service Charge	
<u>Service Size</u>	<u>Charge</u>
1"	\$1,000.00
1 ½"	2,000.00
2"	2,000.00
2 ½"	2,500.00
3"	3,000.00
4"	4,000.00
5"	5,000.00

**MULTIPLE METER POLICY:**

Where a single district heat lateral has been installed to furnish district heat to multiple accounts within a single structure, the utility will provide the 1<sup>st</sup> meter as part of the service connection policy. Additional meters installed from a header arrangement, to be approved by the utility, will be provided at the extra cost for the BPU to provide the multiple meter installation.

**LIMITATION OF LIABILITY:**

The provision of district heating energy is dependent upon the simultaneous operation of boilers, pipes, valves, pumps, heat exchangers and other mechanical equipment, all of which is subject to failure without notice or fault. The utility will use reasonable diligence to provide a regular and uninterrupted supply of thermal energy to every district heating customer. However, should the supply of energy be interrupted for reasons beyond the utility’s control, the utility will not be liable therefore. This limitation of liability shall not apply to interruptions caused by gross negligence, or by reckless or intentional conduct.

The Jamestown BPU recommends that each district heating customer maintain a thermal energy backup for use during service interruptions.

**BILLING ADJUSTMENTS:**

District Heating billing adjustments will be limited to a 24-month period.