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41-48	Street and Area Lights Schedule	0.1%
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Natural Gas - Proposed Schedule 101 Residential Rates:

Natural Gas Service	Current Bill Rate	Proposed Change	Proposed Bill Rates
Basic Charge	\$9.50	\$ -	\$9.50
First 70 Therms/Month	\$0.63319	\$0.00049	\$0.63368
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