

**RULE 16
FORCE MAJEURE**

Neither the Company nor the customer shall be liable for damage to the other for any act, omission or circumstances occasioned by or in consequence of any acts of God, strikes, lockouts, acts of the public enemy, wars, blockades, insurrections, riots, epidemics, landslides, lightning, earthquakes, fire, storms, floods, unforeseeable or unusual weather conditions, washouts, arrests and restraint of rulers and peoples, civil disturbances, explosives, breakage or accident to machinery or lines of pipe, line freeze-ups, temporary failure of gas supply, inadequacy of gas supply at any time or any location to meet the full requirements of all customers served by Company, the binding order of any court or governmental authority which has been resisted in good faith by all reasonable legal means, and any other cause, whether of the kind herein enumerated, or otherwise, and whether caused or occasioned by or happening on account of the act or omission of one of the parties to this contract or some person or concern not a party thereto, not reasonably within the control of the party claiming suspension and which by the exercise of due diligence such party is unable to prevent or overcome. A failure to settle or prevent any strike or other controversy with employees or with anyone purporting or seeking to represent employees shall not be considered to be a matter within the control of the party claiming suspension.