

**7820.5100 DEFINITIONS.**

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in parts 7820.5100 to 7820.5600 have the meanings given them in this part.

Subp. 2. **Delinquent amount.** "Delinquent amount" means the portion of a customer's account representing charges for utility service or services past due. In the case of a residential customer on either a budget billing plan or a payment schedule, "delinquent amount" means the lesser of the outstanding account balance or the outstanding scheduled payments.

Subp. 3. **Late payment charge.** "Late payment charge" means the allowable charge a utility may impose upon a delinquent amount.

Subp. 4. **Utility.** "Utility" means a public utility as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.02, as modified by Minnesota Statutes, sections 216B.025 and 216B.026.

Subp. 5. **Residential customer.** "Residential customer" means a customer of a utility whose principal use of gas or electricity is for household purposes such as lighting, cooking, water heating, and space heating in space occupied as living quarters. Utility service is normally supplied through a single meter to a single family dwelling unit, but apartments or other subdivided dwelling units may be classified as residential even though several individual units take service through the same meter.

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