



REQUEST FOR EQUAL PAY BILLING PLAN

Name: _____ Phone #: _____ Date: _____

Address: _____ Customer No.: _____

Amount of monthly Equal Pay Payment: \$ _____

The Equal Pay Billing Plan is available to all customers of the Hibbing Public Utilities (HPU). Equal pay calculation is based on the previous 12 months billing history plus a 10% modifier. **No guarantee of total cost is implied.** It will remain in force until cancelled by the customer, or may be cancelled by the HPU upon failure of the customer to make timely payments of installments. If such a cancellation is necessary, the account will then revert to our regular billing and collection procedures, **without notice.**

By signing this application, the customer agrees to abide by the following policies.

1. Requirements for acceptance into Equal Pay Billing Plan

- A. The program is open to all customers.
- B. Enrollment period is open during the month of June.
- C. Enrollment is limited to customers that have had service at the account for which the application is being made for at least one year.
- D. The account must be paid in full at the time of acceptance.**
- E. The HPUC must have an actual reading before enrollment *and* by the end of the program year.

2. Equal Pay Billing Program Payment Requirements

- A. Equal Pay Billing accounts will be reviewed by the HPU in May of each year and from time to time at the HPU discretion for recalculation of the installment amount. Participation in this program **does not** allow the customer to use unlimited utilities at a fixed cost. Equal Pay figures are only estimates and will be recalculated up or down, depending on your actual usage the previous year. At that time, any debit balance owing will be recalculated to increase the newly calculated installment payments and any credit balance will be used to decrease the newly calculated installment payments.
- B. Failure to meet the payment schedule under the Equal Pay Billing Program can result in the customer being removed from the program, at which time the actual balance due on the account becomes due and payable under the normal collection provisions of the HPU, without notice.
- C. When a final bill is generated for an account which is under the Equal Pay Billing Program, the actual account balance becomes due and payable at that time.

This is even one more reason to become more energy efficient and conscious – it saves you money. If for any reason, your utility consumption changes significantly during the course of the Equal Pay Billing Plan period, notify the HPU whether your consumption has increased or decreased. The installment payment amount could be recalculated in order to reflect the new consumption pattern. This procedure will eliminate any large adjustments in May, when all equal pay billing accounts are normally revised.

The best part of this entire plan is that instead of having high utility payments during the winter months, the consumer can spread out the entire annual utilities cost in 12 even payments. By knowing each month what to budget for, it is much easier to plan ahead for your spending needs.

(For Hibbing Public Utilities)

Customer Signature

Processed Date: _____ Initials: _____

Please call 218-262-7717 with any Equal Pay Billing questions. Thank you.