Wisconsin Natural Gas Class Action Settlement Claim Form

Eligible industrial and commercial purchasers of natural gas for consumption in the State of Wisconsin must complete this Claim Form and submit it by **July 26, 2023**. If you submitted a Claim in 2017, 2019, or in 2020 for the prior Wisconsin natural gas settlements, *and* your Claim was accepted, you need not submit an additional Claim. All other Wisconsin industrial and commercial purchasers must complete and return this Claim Form.

A. Claimant Information

Name of Claimant:			
Claimant Address:			
City:		State:	Zip Code:
Telephone: ()	Email:		
Notice Identification Number, if known:			

The Wisconsin Settlement Class eligible to participate in this Settlement includes: all industrial and commercial purchasers of natural gas for their own use or consumption during the period from January 1, 2000, until October 31, 2002, and which gas was used or consumed by them in Wisconsin. Excluded from the Wisconsin Settlement Class are (a) entities that purchased natural gas for resale (to the extent of such purchase for resale); (b) entities that purchased natural gas for generation of electricity for the purpose of sale (to the extent of such purchase for generation); (c) entities that purchased natural gas at rates approved by a State regulatory entity or public service commission (to the extent of such purchases at such approved rates); (d) Defendants and their predecessors, affiliates, and subsidiaries; and (e) the federal government and its agencies.

To qualify, you and your purchases must meet the following criteria:

- You must be a commercial or industrial user of natural gas (this includes businesses, manufacturing facilities, warehouses, commercial property, hospitals, universities, schools, etc.).
- You must have purchased natural gas for your own consumption in Wisconsin (*i.e.*, you burned or otherwise used the gas you purchased in Wisconsin) between January 1, 2000, and October 31, 2002.
- You must have purchased gas from a seller other than a local utility or other entity regulated by the State of Wisconsin (gas purchased from the utility serving your local community does not qualify).
- You or your purchases must not fall within one of the exclusions identified in the foregoing class definition.

B. Natural Gas Consumption Information

Total Volume of Qualifying Natural Gas (please include unit of measure):

Name(s) of Invoicing Entity(ies): _____

C. Proof of Purchase

Please provide sufficient documentary evidence to prove your qualifying volumes stated in your Claim Form.

D. Declaration

I affirm, under penalty of perjury, that the information provided in this Claim Form and the attached Purchase Documentation on behalf of the above entity is true and correct to best of my knowledge, and that the entity on behalf of whom I provide this Declaration was an Eligible Purchaser during the Class Period of January 1, 2000 – October 31, 2002, of the volume of natural gas claimed above, and used or consumed in the State of Wisconsin all the volume of natural gas claimed above.

Print Name:	<u> </u>
Signature:	
Title:	Date://

Please note that the Settlement Administrator has the right to request verification or more information regarding the claimed Eligible Purchases. If Class Members do not timely comply with such requests, or are unable to produce sufficient documents or other evidence to substantiate their Claim, the Settlement Administrator may disqualify their Claim, in full or in part.

ALL CLAIM FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED (IF MAILED) OR ELECTRONICALLY SUBMITTED BY JULY 26, 2023 TO:

Settlement Administrator Natural Gas Wisconsin Antitrust Settlement c/o A.B. Data, Ltd. P.O. Box 173068 Milwaukee, WI 53217 (800) 429-7281 info@naturalgasantitrustsettlement.com

NATURAL GAS ANTITRUST SETTLEMENTS CLAIM FORM INSTRUCTIONS

Why are you receiving the Claim Form?

A settlement has been reached with certain Defendants in class action lawsuits involving natural gas. You have been identified as potentially eligible to receive Settlement benefits. You must file a Claim to request compensation from these Settlements.

What are these lawsuits about?

The lawsuits allege that certain companies involved in the production, marketing, or sale of natural gas engaged in an unlawful conspiracy to manipulate the price of natural gas. Plaintiffs further claim that commercial and industrial purchasers of natural gas who purchased natural gas from entities other than utilities or local distribution companies and for their own use or consumption in Wisconsin may recover for the effect that the alleged conspiracy had on the prices of the natural gas they purchased.

Who's included in the Settlement?

All industrial and commercial purchasers of natural gas for their own use or consumption during the period from January 1, 2000, through October 31, 2002, and which gas was used or consumed by them in Wisconsin. Excluded from the Class are (a) entities that purchased natural gas for resale (to the extent of such purchase for resale); (b) entities that purchased natural gas for generation of electricity for the purpose of sale (to the extent of such purchase for generation); (c) entities that purchased natural gas at rates approved by the Wisconsin Public Service Commission (to the extent of such purchases at such approved rates); (d) Defendants and their predecessors, affiliates, and subsidiaries; and (e) the federal government and its agencies.

What does the Settlement provide?

The settlement provides a total of \$12 million in cash, plus accrued interest (the "Settlement Fund"), before courtapproved deductions for attorneys' fees and expenses.

In addition, Williams's sales remain in the case for the purpose of computing damages against the remaining Defendants, but those damages may be offset by credits for this settlement and settlements with other Defendants that settle. More details are in the Settlement Agreement, available at <u>www.NaturalGasAntitrustSettlement.com</u>.

What if you previously submitted a Claim in 2017 or 2019?

If you submitted a Claim in connection with the 2017 or 2019 Wisconsin natural gas settlements, <u>and</u> your Claim was accepted, you do not need to submit an additional Claim.

Do you qualify to make a Claim?

To qualify to receive Settlement funds, you and your purchases must meet the following criteria:

• You must be a commercial or industrial user of natural gas (this includes businesses, manufacturing facilities, warehouses, commercial property, hospitals, universities, schools, etc.).

• You must have purchased natural gas for your own consumption in Wisconsin (*i.e.*, you burned or otherwise used the natural gas you purchased in Wisconsin) between January 1, 2000, and October 31, 2002.

• You must have purchased natural gas from a seller other than a local utility or other entity regulated by the State of Wisconsin (natural gas purchased from the utility serving your local community does not qualify).

• You must not fall within one of the exclusions identified in the class definition.

• Note: As long as you bought natural gas from a nonutility seller and meet the other criteria, the purchases qualify even if you used utilities or local distribution companies to transport your natural gas.

How do you make a Claim?

If you are a member of the class as defined previously, use the attached Claim Form to identify the volumes of natural gas you purchased for your own use or consumption in Wisconsin, and identify the entity from which you purchased the natural gas. Please also submit any documentation or other evidence proving the volume of gas purchased. Do not include purchases made directly from utilities or local distribution companies.

What are your rights?

If you wish to request compensation from the Wisconsin Settlement Fund you **MUST** take action at this time. Please carefully review the specific provisions of the attached Claim Form. **CLAIM FORMS MUST BE POSTMARKED OR SUBMITTED ONLINE NO LATER THAN JULY 26, 2023.**

If you fail to submit a timely Claim Form, your Claim will be rejected and you will be precluded from any recovery from the Settlement Fund.

Where can you get more information?

The terms of the Settlement Agreements, including the claims process, are detailed at www.NaturalGasAntitrustSettlement.com.

The Court has appointed the law firms of Kohner, Mann & Kailas, S.C., Perkins Coie LLP and Polsinelli PC to represent settlement class members in Wisconsin.

For more details, call toll-free 1-800-429-7281, visit <u>www.NaturalGasAntitrustSettlement.com</u>, or write to Natural Gas Wisconsin Antitrust Settlement, Settlement Administrator, c/o A.B. Data, Ltd., P.O. Box 173068, Milwaukee, WI 53217. Natural Gas Wisconsin Antitrust Settlement c/o A.B. Data, Ltd. P.O. Box 173068 Milwaukee, WI 53217

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