

- (c) Provide the necessary locations satisfactory to the Company for installation by the Company of its facilities from the service terminal to the meter outlet.
- (2) In the event one or more, but less than all of the buildings of the project being singly master metered are transferred to another ownership and request is made for separate master metering for the building or buildings so transferred, the transferee shall provide the necessary locations satisfactory to the Company for the installation by the Company of its facilities from the service terminal to the meter outlet, and the transferor and the transferee as assignee of the transferor, shall agree in writing to:
 - (a) Bear any costs of disconnecting and removing existing customer facilities; and
 - (b) Bear any costs of installing new piping and other facilities on the customer's side of the meter installations.
- (3) Under (1) and (2) above, the Company will bear the cost of removal of any of its facilities and/or the cost of necessary new installations or extensions of its facilities.
- d. Combined billing of registrations of multiple meters installed on a customer's premises is permitted only where such multiple meters are installed for the convenience of the Company.

8. ACCURACY OF GAS METERS

- a. All meters shall be tested periodically by the Company in compliance with the rules of the Commission. Meters shall also be tested without charge upon request of the customer, provided a similar test has not been made upon the same meter within a 1-year period preceding the request.
- b. When any test of a meter made by the Company or by the Commission shall show such meter to have an average error of more than 2 percent, the following provisions for the adjustment of bills shall be observed:

(1) Fast Meters

Unless the date of the beginning of inaccuracy shall be known, the error found shall be considered, for the purpose of this rule, to have existed for the 36 months preceding the test of the meter if the meter shall have been installed three years or more; provided, however, that is the meter shall have been installed for a period of less than three years or shall have been tested within three years, then the error found shall be considered as applying to one half of the consumption since the installation or last prior test of the meter.

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If the meter is found to be faster than allowable, the Company shall make a refund to the last customer of record receiving service through the meter for the amount which shall have been charged in excess of that which would have been charged had the meter registered with 100 percent accuracy, provided the refund exceeds one dollar. The refund will be computed upon the assumption that the meter was registering 100 percent prior to the beginning of the period of inaccuracy or the period of adjustment as defined in the preceding paragraph. The actual error of the meter, and not the difference between the allowable error and the error as found, shall be used as the basis for calculating the refund. The refund shall be for the period that the customer received service through the meter, but for not more than the periods referred to in this subparagraph (1).

(2) Slow Meters

If the meter is found to under-register, or is slow, the Company may bill the customer one half of the unbilled under-charge for a period of twelve months, unless the meter has been tested within that twelve-month period, in which event the Company may bill the customer one half of the unbilled under-charge for the period since the meter was last tested. If the amount of under-registration is less than \$5.00, the bill will not be adjusted.

If the meter is found to be non registering, or is stopped, the Company may estimate, and bill the customer, the proper charge for the unregistered service by reference to the customer's consumption during similar normal periods. Except in the case of tampering, theft, or unauthorized use, the estimate shall cover a period of not more than six months.

9. CUSTOMER'S PIPING AND APPLIANCES

- a. All piping, gas appliances, and related equipment on the customer's side of the meter (including unmetered gas lights) shall be installed and maintained under the responsibility and at the expense of the customer or owner of the premises. The installation by the Company of submeters to record gas consumption applicable to different Rate Schedules, or for any other reason, shall not relieve the customer of responsibility for the maintenance at his expense of customer-owned piping to which the Company's submeters are attached.
- b. The piping, appliances and related equipment for which the customer or owner is responsible shall be installed and maintained in conformity with all local, State and Federal requirements and with the rules of the National Fire Protection Association. The nature and condition of this equipment shall be such as not to endanger life or property, interfere with the service to other customers or, except for unmetered gas lights, permit the passage of gas without meter registration and it shall not be used for any illegal purpose.

10. GAS LEAKS AND SAFETY CONCERNS

- a. Upon notice by the customer, the Company will investigate reports of suspected gas leakage and/or in the case of safety concerns, improper functioning of gas appliances, without charge.
- b. Where gas leakage is found, no deduction on account such leakage shall be required to be made from customer's bills unless such leakage occurs as a result of fault or neglect of agents of the Company.

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