

RULE NO. 3

APPLICATION FOR SERVICE

A. CUSTOMER APPLICATION

1. The Company will require each prospective customer to provide the information as stated in the application for service.

Application for service shall set forth:

- a. Name of applicant.
- b. Location of premises.
- c. Date applicant will be ready for service.
- d. Whether the premises have been heretofore supplied.
- e. Purposes for which service is to be used, with description of appliances.
- f. Address to which bills are to be mailed or delivered.
- g. Whether applicant is owner, agent or tenant of premises.
- h. Occupation and place of employment of applicant.
- i. Whether applicant or other permanent resident is elderly and/or handicapped.
- j. Third party identification, address and telephone number, at the option of an elderly and/or handicapped applicant.
- k. Such other information as the Company may reasonably require.

2. Third party notification

If an applicant or customer who is elderly and/or handicapped lists a third party whom they wish notified in the event that their service is scheduled for discontinuance in accordance with Rule No. 11, such third party's name, address and telephone number shall be noted on the application for service.

The Company shall establish procedures to ensure that third parties consent to receive a copy of the termination notice. The Company shall inform all customers at least once annually of the availability of this service.

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3. Purpose

The application is merely a request for service, and does not in itself bind the Company to serve except under reasonable conditions, nor does it bind the customer to take service for a longer period than minimum requirements of the rate.

In the absence of a signed application or contract for service, the supplying of gas service by the Company and the acceptance thereof by the customer shall be deemed to constitute an agreement by and between the Company and the customer for delivery, acceptance of and payment for gas service under the Company's applicable rates and Rules and Regulations.

4. Refusal of Service

- a. The Company may discontinue or refuse to provide service to the applicant if the acts of the applicant indicate an unsafe situation for the Company employee or if the acts of the applicant or the conditions upon his/her premises indicate that false, incomplete, or inaccurate information was provided to the Company. The Company shall provide the applicant the reason for such refusal.
- b. The Company may discontinue or deny service at a premises where bills for service provided to a prior customer are still outstanding, if it is determined by the Company that the prior customer is still at that same premises or that it can be shown that the new and prior customers shared the premises during the period that the bills were incurred.

B. INDIVIDUAL LIABILITY FOR JOINT SERVICE

Two or more parties who join in one application for service shall be jointly and severally liable thereunder and shall be billed by means of single periodic bills. Whether or not the Company obtained a joint application, where two or more adults are living in the same residence, they shall be jointly and severally liable for bills for service, unless the Company in writing acknowledges that one or more of the adult occupants is not liable.

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C. SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT OR REESTABLISHMENT

1. In order to partially cover the operating and clerical costs, the Company shall collect a service charge whenever service is established or reestablished as set forth and referred to as "Service Establishment Charge" in the currently effective Statement of Rates, Other Service Charges of this California Gas Tariff. The service establishment charge shall be in addition to any charges under the applicable schedule and will be made each time an account is opened, including turn-on's, reconnections of gas service, or changes of names which require meter readings.
2. When service is established during a period when Company scheduling will next permit, a service charge for "normal service" will be applicable.
3. Where Utility scheduling will not permit service during normal working hours on the same day requested by the customer, the customer can elect to pay a service charge for "expedited service" that workday. There may be instances where Utility scheduling will not permit same day service; however, in no case will expedited service take longer than 24 hours from the time requested, excluding Saturdays, Sundays, and Company-scheduled holidays.
4. When service is established at a specific time and date at the request of the customer, including Saturday or Sunday, a service charge for "call-out service" will be applicable.

D. CHANGE IN CUSTOMER-S EQUIPMENT

Customers making any material change in the size, character or extent of the utilizing equipment or operations for which the Company is supplying gas service shall immediately give the Company written notice of the extent and nature of any material change.

E. MULTILINGUAL SERVICES

The Company shall provide multilingual individuals to advise customers of the Company-s termination policy and their rights and remedies where Spanish or some other language is widely spoken within the Company-s service areas.