

RULE NO. 16

FACILITIES ON CUSTOMER'S PREMISES

A. METERS AND APPLIANCES

1. All meters, regulators, service pipe, appliances, fixtures, etc., installed by the Utility upon the customer's premises for the purpose of delivering gas to the customer shall continue to be the property of the Utility and may be repaired, replaced or removed by the Utility at any time.

2. In the cases of residential and commercial customers, metering and regulating equipment required by the Utility to render service will be constructed and installed at the expense of the Utility (except as specified in Rule No. 9E.11 and Rule No. 10D.2.c. In the cases of all other customers, each customer will be required to make a nonrefundable advance to the Utility equal to the full cost of constructing and installing such regulating, metering and safety equipment as determined by the Utility.

3. No rent or other charge whatsoever will be made by the customer against the Utility for placing or maintaining said meters, regulators, service pipe, appliances, fixtures, etc., upon the customer's premises. All meters will be sealed or soldered by the Utility, and no such seal or solder shall be tampered with or broken except by a representative of the Utility appointed for that purpose. The customer shall exercise reasonable care to prevent the meters, regulators, service line, appliances, fixtures, etc., of the Utility upon said premises from being injured or destroyed and shall refrain from interfering with the same and, in case any defect therein or damage thereto shall be discovered, the customer shall promptly notify the Utility thereof.

If damage occurs to the Utility's facilities because of the customer's failure to use reasonable care or failure to request from the Utility a service line location, the customer will be billed for subsequent repairs.

4. The Utility will not be responsible for the loss of gas or damage or injury caused by gas in or escaping from piping or appliances beyond the Utility's meter.

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B. METER INSTALLATION

1. All meters will be installed by the Utility in some convenient and safe place approved by the Utility upon the customer's premises and so placed as to be at all times accessible for inspection, reading and testing. The Utility will change the meter location on customer's premises for reasonable cause, but when such request is made solely to suit the customer's convenience or to overcome an unsafe condition, a charge to the customer will be made to cover the actual cost of the change.
2. In all buildings in which separate meters are hereafter required to be installed for various floors or groups of rooms in order to measure the gas supplied to each tenant, the Utility may require all meters to be located at a central point, and each such meter will be clearly marked to indicate the particular location supplied by it.
3. The Utility, at its convenience, may install automatic meter reading (AMR) or offsite meter reading (OMR) devices on the customer's premises. When such a request is made solely for the convenience of the customer, a charge will be assessed for the actual cost of the device including installation.

C. UTILITY'S RIGHT OF INGRESS TO AND EGRESS FROM CUSTOMER'S PREMISES

1. Upon application for gas service and the establishment of service pursuant thereto, the customer shall be deemed to grant to the Utility and its assigns, to whatever extent the customer may be empowered to make such grant, an irrevocable easement upon and through the customer's premises for the location of the facilities of the Utility required to provide service. Any such grant from the owner of the premises serviced shall be deemed to be an easement running with the land and shall bind the owner's heirs and assigns.

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C. UTILITY'S RIGHT OF INGRESS TO AND EGRESS FROM CUSTOMER'S PREMISES
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2. The Utility shall at all times have the right of ingress to and egress from the customer's premises at all reasonable hours for any purpose reasonably connected with the furnishing of gas and the exercise of any and all rights secured to it by law or these rules.
3. The Utility shall have the right (but not the obligation) to remove any or all of its property installed on the customer's premises at any time after the termination of service.

D. CUSTOMER RESPONSIBLE FOR EQUIPMENT FOR RECEIVING GAS

The customer shall, at the customer's own risk and expense, furnish, install and keep in good and safe condition all regulators, gas piping, appliances, fixtures and apparatus of any kind or character located beyond the point of delivery which may be required for receiving gas from the Utility and for applying and utilizing gas, including all necessary protective appliances and suitable housing therefor; and the Utility shall not be responsible for any loss, injury or damage occasioned or caused by the negligence or wrongful act of the customer or any of the customer's agents, employees or licensees in installing, maintaining, using, operating or interfering with any such regulators, gas piping, appliances, fixtures or apparatus. The Utility has the right to refuse service to any customer or discontinue service with or without notice if, in the Utility's opinion, the facilities beyond the point of delivery are unsafe or present a hazardous condition.

E. SERVICE CONNECTIONS MADE BY UTILITY'S EMPLOYEES

Only duly authorized employees or agents of the Utility are allowed to connect the service pipe to, or disconnect the same from, the Utility's gas facilities, or to turn the meter on.

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