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6.01 DISPOSITION OF GAS SUPPLY: All gas sold by Company will be on the basis of meter measurement, except for temporary service installations or where the load is constant and the consumption may be readily computed or is provided for in filed rate schedules. [199--19.3(1)a]

6.02 LOCATION OF METERS: Company will determine the location of the meters and associated devices. The meter location must be accessible at all reasonable times to both Customer and the Company's representatives. Insofar as is practicable, meters will be located on the outside of buildings.

6.03 METER INSTALLATION: Customer shall provide and at all times maintain at the place specified by Company space for the installation of Company's meter installation. Customer shall install the necessary meter mounting or housing facilities, when required by Company, in a manner satisfactory to Company and in full compliance with the provisions of applicable Codes and the laws and governmental regulations. After the meter installation has been located on the premises of Customer, the cost of any subsequent change in location, if requested by Customer, will be at Customer's expense.

6.04 MULTIPLE METERING: When more than one meter installation is used to measure the gas service supplied by Company to a Customer, a separate billing in accordance with the applicable rate schedule will be rendered for the gas service supply through each meter installation. Company may combine consumption of gas service registered, and render a single billing for the same class of gas service supplied to Customer through two or more meter installations if, at the option of Company, such multiple metering is installed as a convenience to Company or because it is more economical for Company to do so; provided, however, this shall not be construed to permit master metering.

6.05 MULTIPLE OCCUPANCY BUILDING: When a building is occupied by more than one Customer, Company shall set as many meters as there are separate Customers in the building, consistent with these General Rules and Regulations and subject to the terms and conditions of the appropriate rate schedule.

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6.06 CUSTOMER METER EQUIPMENT REQUIREMENTS: Company will install, own and maintain suitable metering equipment necessary for measuring gas supplied in accordance with Company's applicable rate schedule. Customer's obligation for providing equipment in accordance with the metering function shall be pursuant to Company's General Rules and Regulations. All of this metering equipment usually requires individual design. It is the responsibility of Customer to contact Company for any such required information.

6.07 METER RECORDS: All meter records are kept in Company's principal office having jurisdiction over Customer's location.

6.07A METER READING RECORDS: The meter reading record shall show Customer's name, address and identification of the applicable rate schedule, identification of the meter or meters by manufacturer's serial number, reading of Customer's meter, if the readings have been estimated, and any applicable multiplier or constant. [199--19.3(3)]

6.07B METER CHARTS: Any meter charts taken from recording meters shall be marked with the initial and final date and hour of the record, the meter identification, Customer's name and location, and the chart multiplier. [199--19.3(4)]

6.07C METER MULTIPLIER: If it necessary to apply a multiplier to the meter readings, the multiplier will be marked on the face of the meter register or stenciled in weather resistant paint upon the front cover of the meter. [199--19.3(5)]

6.08 METERING AND THE POINT OF DELIVERY: Metering facilities generally will be located in close proximity to the Point of Delivery as defined in Section 2.24 of this Tariff.

6.09 METER READING: Company uses the plan of continuous cycle meter reading in its service territory which is divided into meter reading districts. Except as otherwise provided herein or in applicable rate schedules of Company, each meter in each such district will be read monthly on or about the same day of the month and such readings shall be the basis for Company's billing for gas service during the period ending with the later reading. Where necessary, Company may permit the Customer to supply meter readings by use of a form supplied by Company. Company reserves the right to redesignate the meter reading date. [199--19.3(7)]

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6.10 ESTIMATED READINGS: If, due to circumstances or conditions beyond the control of Company, or if it is otherwise impractical to read the meter on a normal meter reading schedule, then Company shall render an estimated bill based on the best available information. Only in unusual cases or when approval is obtained from Customer shall more than 3 consecutive estimated bills be rendered. [199--19.3(8)]

6.11 METER TESTS: The testing of Company's meters shall be in accordance with the Board's Rules and Regulations and all applicable general orders.

6.11A REQUEST TEST: Upon request by a Customer, Company will test the meter servicing that Customer, except that such tests need not be made more frequently than once in 18 months. Customer will be notified in writing of any potential charge before the meter is removed for testing. [19.6(5)]

6.11A(1) A written report of the test results will be mailed to the Customer within 10 days of the completed test and a record of each test will be kept on file at the Company's office. The Company will give the Customer or a representative of the Customer the opportunity to be present while the test is conducted. If the test finds the meter is accurate within the limits accepted by the Company in its meter inspection and testing program, the Company may charge the Customer $25 or the cost of conducting the test, whichever is less. [199--19.6(5)]

6.11B REFEREE TESTS: Upon written request by a Customer or Company, the Utilities Board will conduct a referee test of a meter except that such tests need not be made more frequently than once in 18 months. Customer will be notified in writing of charges before meter is removed for testing. The request shall be accompanied by a $30 check or money order made payable to the Company. Within 5 days of receipt of the written request and payment, the Utilities Board shall forward the deposit to the Company and notify Company of the requirement for a test. [199--19.6(6)]

6.11B(1) The Company shall, within 30 days after notification of the request, schedule the date, time and place of the test with the Board and Customer. The meter shall not be removed or adjusted before the test. [199--19.6(6)]

6.11B(2) The Company shall furnish all testing equipment and facilities for the test. If the tested meter is found to be more than 2% fast or 2% slow the deposit will be returned to the Customer and billing adjustments shall be made as required in IAC 199--19.4(13). The Board shall issue its report within 15 days after the test is conducted, with a copy to the Customer and to the Company. [199--19.6(6)]

6.12 METER SEALS: Company seals on meters and meter enclosures shall not be broken or disturbed by any person other than the persons authorized by Company or by law.

6.13 EVIDENCE OF CONSUMPTION: The registration of Company's meters will be accepted as a prima facie evidence of the amount of gas taken by Customer.

6.14 BILLING ADJUSTMENTS FOR METER INACCURACIES: See: Section 7 of these General Rules and Regulations.

6.15 METER RECORDS: All data concerning retired meters shall be recorded by Company and retained for at least 3 years. [199--19.4(12)]