

**RULE 7
METERS**

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Each customer must furnish a convenient, safe and adequately sized location for a meter that is acceptable to the Company and where the meter is readily accessible for reading, inspecting, turning off or on, and removing for testing whenever necessary.

No charge will be made for installation of billing meters. When a customer desires, for his/her convenience, the installation of more than one meter at one premise for one class of service, the Company may install such other meters, providing physical conditions or excessive installation costs do not make the installation of a master meter impractical. In such cases where a master meter is not installed, each meter so located on one premise for one class of service shall be billed as a separate meter having separate minimum charges. However, where practical, the Company will install a master meter.

Services shall be through one or more meters, at the option of the Company. No extension whatsoever of customer-owned piping shall be made for the purpose of supplying gas to adjacent property.

The Company will not be required to furnish, install, maintain, read, or test submeters.

Meters will be read once a month as nearly on the same date each month as Saturdays, Sundays and holidays will permit.

If, for any reason whatsoever, the Company's employees cannot gain access to the meter for the purpose of reading the index thereof, an estimated bill will be rendered and the same will be considered a regular billing. The Company will seek the customer's cooperation in obtaining monthly readings in the event that meter access cannot be obtained.

Any estimated bill or customer provided reading shall be subject to actual verification by the utility not less than once every four months.