

**RULE 8
METER TESTING**

STATISTICAL METER SAMPLING PROGRAM

Except for meters which are in the Company's statistical sampling program, every gas meter will be tested at least once in a ten year period.

The Company may elect to keep diaphragm type meters with rated capacity of up to 3,000 cfh in service for intervals beyond ten years, provided the meter performance meets the criteria of the Company's statistical sample program as approved by the Commission.

The Company's statistical sample program will meet the requirements set forth in Part IV ("In-Service Performance"), of the 1992 version of ANSI B109.1 and B109.2, and shall be based on generally accepted statistical methods within the industry for predicting the sampling distribution of the proportion of a population, with a 90% degree of confidence.

More specifically, the sampling program shall determine from a random sample of sufficient size that, nine times out of ten, as many as 80% of the meters in a meter group (population) are within the percent accuracy limits of 98.0% and 102.0% (i.e. accuracy requirement), and with no more than 10% of the meters in a group exceeding 102.0% accuracy (i.e., not fast requirement). If it is determined that fewer than 80% of the meters in a group meet the accuracy requirement or more than 10% of the meters in a meter group exceed the not fast requirement, corrective action will be taken.

Corrective action shall consist of either a selective removal program to raise the accuracy performance of the group to acceptable standards or the removal of the entire group from service. The rate of removal will be such that the required corrective action is completed as soon as practicable but not to exceed a period of two years after the year testing was performed. However, with Commission approval, the period for removal may be extended an additional two years in any year which the total number of meters required for removal exceeds four percent of the number of meters in the Statistical Sample Program.

For further details, a copy of the Statistical Sample Program can be obtained by writing to the Manager, Measurement, c/o Cascade Natural Gas Corporation, 8113 W. Grandridge Blvd, Kennewick, WA 99336.

METER ACCURACY STANDARD

Before being installed for customer use, meters whether new or reconditioned, will be in good order and be adjusted to register correct consumption with an accuracy bandwidth of two percent (2%) fast or slow.

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CUSTOMER REQUESTED METER TESTING (continued)

Any customer may request the Company to test his/her meter. Company shall make such test at its central meter shop within twenty (20) days of receipt of request and no payment or deposit will be required for such test.

Should customer request a meter test more often than once in every twelve (12) month period, a Deposit for Meter Test as established in Schedule 200 to cover the reasonable cost of the test may be required of the customer. The amount so deposited will be returned to the customer if the meter is found, upon test, to register more than two (2) percent fast.

All meters will be tested in Company's central meter shop located in Yakima, Washington. A customer shall have the right to require Company to conduct the test in his/her presence at Yakima, or if he/she so desires, in the presence of a representative appointed by him/her.

A report giving customer's name, date of request, address of service location, the type, make, size and meter number, the date tested, and result of test will be supplied to the customer within a reasonable time after completion of test.