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METERING

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- A. All meters and related metering equipment shall be installed, owned, and maintained by the Company. For new load or line extensions, meter costs will be paid by the Customer in accordance with the current Line Extension Policy. The Customer must pay 100% of all meter costs resulting from customer-caused meter relocations.
- B. In the event a structure is built on the customers property or on an adjacent property so that the meter location is inaccessible, or the meter becomes inaccessible to Company employees due to locked gates, visual obstructions, Customer pets, or for any other reason, the meter socket and/or service conduit or cable shall be moved to an accessible location at the expense of the Customer. In the alternative, the Company shall have the option of installing a remote meter reading device and billing the customer the actual installed cost of the device. X  
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- C. The Company reserves the right to seal all meter entrance switches and all service entrance boxes regardless of ownership where the operation or tampering with such equipment may affect the registration of the meter or use of energy contrary to the provisions of these Rules and Regulations or the provisions of the applicable rate schedule
- D. All meter sockets shall be of the outdoor type which shall be mounted at a height specified in the Company's Standards. In the case of overhead services, there shall be an unbroken conduit complete with wire or an approved cable run from the service entrance to the meter socket. The Customer shall furnish and install the cabinet (if required), meter socket and any necessary wiring from the Service Point to the meter socket per Company Standards. The meter socket shall be so located that it is entirely on the outside of the building and within ten (10) feet from the front of residential buildings or as approved by the Company.
- E. The meter socket shall be so placed that the meter can be set and the seal installed easily. Should any plaster or abutments be installed after the socket is in place that would interfere with the setting of the meter and the seal, the Customer shall move the socket.
- F. Where more than one meter is required for a building, such as an apartment house, all of the meter sockets shall be grouped adjacent to each other and must be individually, permanently numbered by the Customer, and identified according to apartments or units. In remodeling where two separate houses are combined with an addition to form one building, the meter sockets shall be moved to a joint location. In all remodeling where the meter loop is changed or moved, or any change made in wiring, it will be necessary to install outdoor type meter sockets.
- G. All meters installed for commercial use shall be at a point designated by the Company. An outdoor location is preferred for all meters, provided the meters will not be subject to damage due to a hazardous location. No meter shall be installed in any location where it may be unnecessarily exposed to heat, cold, dampness, or other

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cause or in any unduly dirty or inaccessible location. There shall be an approved unbroken conduit complete with wire from the Service Point to the socket.

- H. All single-phase meters installed for Commercial use that do not require current transformers shall be socket type with the socket installed at a location approved by the Company. The meter sockets shall be mounted pursuant to Company Standards. The service equipment shall be installed as required by applicable codes.
- I. When meter installations require current transformers, the Customer shall furnish and install a metal cabinet per Company Standards to house the transformers. The cabinet shall be provided with a suitable means for mounting the transformers per Company Standards.
- J. In all installations requiring instrument transformers, whether single-phase or three-phase, the Customer shall provide the service entrance conductors.
- K. The Customer will install a metering and/or instrument cabinet in accordance with Company Standards whenever the Customer's load exceeds the capacity of the applicable self-contained meter.
- L. Metering and instrument cabinets shall not be used to house Customer-owned equipment, such as distribution panels or other equipment, nor used as a junction box for the distribution of circuits.
- M. All meter loops for single-phase meters that do not require current transformers shall be wired in accordance with the approved meter sequence; that is, (1) meter, (2) switch, (3) fuses.
- N. All meter loops for single-phase and three-phase, with or without meter instrument transformers, shall be wired in accordance with Company Standards. Whenever three-phase meters are installed on the outside of the building due to Company or other requirements, the Customer shall furnish and install an approved metallic, weatherproof cabinet to house the meters and metering transformers per Company requirements.
- O. All electricity sold by the Company shall be on a basis of meter measurement except, at the Company's sole discretion, for service or installations where the load is constant, and the consumption may be readily computed.
- P. Upon request, the Company shall make a test of the meter serving the Customer. The Company may charge the Customer pursuant to Rate Schedule 16, for making such a test, such charge to be refunded to the Customer whenever the meter proves to be in excess of 2 percent in error.
  - 1. The Customer, or his/her representative, may be present when the meter is tested, if the Customer's request to be present is made at the time of his/her request for the meter test. The Company shall give the Customer reasonable advance notification as to the day, time, and place of test.

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2. A report of the results of the test shall be made to the Customer within a reasonable time after the completion of the test, and a record of the report, together with a complete record of each test, shall be kept on file at the office of the Company.

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