



RULE 27

AUTOMATIC METER READING

The general terms and conditions that apply whenever the utility transports either utility-procured or customer-procured gas volumes over its system are described below. This rule will be part of any contract to provide such service.

A. GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The utility, based upon customer service elections, may install an automated meter reading (AMR) device which transmits readings from the meter to the utility's facility via telephonic connection or other means.
2. The utility shall notify the customer at least three days prior to the installation of an AMR device.
3. No rent, fee or other charge whatsoever shall be assessed by the customer or any third party against the utility for placing or maintaining an AMR device upon a customers premises.
4. The utility may render bills based upon readings from the AMR device.
5. The utility shall own the AMR device (and all rights to the data and information produced thereby) and neither customer nor any other party shall have any right to repair, replace, modify, change or interconnect other equipment or facilities with such device or provide third parties with information or data therefrom, without utility's prior written consent.
6. The utility shall not be liable or responsible for the consequences of any utilization by customer or any other party of information or data obtained from the AMR device, including without limitation, any liability for direct, indirect, consequential, punitive or special damages, in tort or in contract.
7. The utility may, at its sole discretion, remove the AMR device from the customer's premises.

B. INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC METER READING DEVICE

1. The customer shall permit the utility to connect the AMR device to a customer's existing telephone line and install associated hardware, if needed.
2. Any AMR device installed by the utility shall release control of the customers telephone line whenever the customer's telephone equipment is otherwise in use. However, mechanical operation of the device can result in temporary interruption of telephone service if the telephone is picked up when the device is transmitting data to the utility's computer.

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B. INSTALLATION OF AUTOMATIC METER READING DEVICE (Continued)

- 3. All AMR devices installed at customer premises shall be in locations acceptable to the utility, and placed so as to be at all times accessible for inspecting, reading and testing by the utility.
- 4. The customer shall exercise reasonable care to prevent the AMR device from being damaged or destroyed and shall refrain from interfering with its operation. The customer shall notify the utility if any defects are discovered in the AMR device.
- 5. If the AMR device is damaged by a customer, the utility may charge the customer for replacing or repairing the device.
- 6. utility shall provide daily AMR data via its electronic bulletin board.

C. AUTOMATIC METER READING FEES

- 1. End-use priority P-1 and/or P-2 customers electing reclassification to noncore gas service who install an AMR device at the customer's expense, for the purpose of gas curtailment compliance monitoring and any customer that has paid the utility in full for the cost of AMR equipment installed on meter(s) prior to September 1993 shall not be subject to a special metering fee for AMR equipment. Upon warranted replacement of AMR device by utility, customer will be subject to all applicable special metering fees.

D. ACCESS TO AMR DATA

- 1. Customer may obtain information from AMR device directly at the customer's expense. However, no meter fixtures or devices, nor any AMR device shall be installed on the utility's meter without the utility's prior written consent.
- 2. Upon request, the utility will provide AMR customer with daily gas consumption determined from AMR reads. The daily consumption data will be posted in a customer exclusive file within the utility's Energy Bulletin Board. The customer will be able to access the file by dialing the EBB using a modem connected to a IBM or IBM-compatible personal computer.

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