

Rule No. 24

Sheet 1

SUPPLY TO SEPARATE PREMISES AND RESALE OF GAS

A. SEPARATE METERING

Separate premises, even though owned by the same customer, will not be supplied through the same meter, except as may be specifically provided for in the tariff schedules. However, service may be rendered through one meter installation to two or more oil field premises operated by a single enterprise.

B. FURNISHING AND METERING OF GAS

1. Residential Service

- a. Appliances Requiring Venting. Individual metering is required for each single or Multi-family Accommodation unit where the tenant can use gas directly in gas appliances requiring venting, and for which a building permit has been obtained on or after July 1, 1982, other than a dormitory or other housing accommodation provided by any postsecondary educational institution for its students or employees and other than farmworker housing. Separate metering for gas service is not required for residential units which are not equipped with gas appliances requiring venting or are equipped with only vented decorative appliances or which receive the majority of energy used for water or space heating from a solar energy system or through cogeneration technology. For these exceptions, the unit may receive its gas supply through a master meter, as expressly provided in Rule No. 13, Meters and Appliances.
- b. Individually Metered vs. Submetered. Each space or lot in mobilehome parks or manufactured housing communities, where the tenant can use gas directly in gas appliances, shall be individually metered by the Utility or submetered by the owner or operator of the mobilehome park or manufactured housing community, if construction had commenced prior to January 2, 1997. Each space or lot in new mobilehome parks or manufactured housing communities, for which construction has commenced after January 1, 1997, shall be individually metered by the Utility.
- c. Mobilehome Park or Manufactured Housing Community Expansion. If an existing master meter mobilehome park or manufactured housing community constructed prior to January 2, 1997 is adding new spaces, the Customer will make a determination as to whether such added spaces are to be served by the Utility or through the existing master meter, based on whether the site conditions will permit the installation and maintenance of a new gas distribution system and individual meters by the Utility in compliance with the provisions of Rules No. 20 and 21 or whether, in the reasonable determination of the Customer, it is practicable to have the master meter customer extend their distribution system and supply gas to the new tenants through the existing master meter and customer owned submeters.

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B. FURNISHING AND METERING OF GAS (Continued)

1. Residential Service (Continued)

d. Master Meter. Where an existing residential customer receives gas through a single meter to an apartment house, mobilehome park or other Multi-family Accommodation, such customer may continue to master-meter, provided:

1. The cost of gas is absorbed in the rent for each individual dwelling unit; there is no separate identifiable charge by such customer to the tenants for gas; and the rent does not vary with gas consumption, or

2. The customer submeters and furnishes gas to residential tenants at the same rates and charges that would apply if the tenants were purchasing such gas directly from the Utility, and

(a) The master meter customer provides each submetered tenant with an itemized bill similar in form and content to the Utility's bills to its residential customers including, but not limited to, the meter reads, dates, billing factors, terms and the identification of all rates and quantities attributable to each block in the rate structure. In addition, a copy of the current applicable residential rate schedules and a listing of the customer safety services available from the Utility, without charge, shall be posted in a conspicuous place on the premises.

(b) In the event that any rebate is provided the master meter customer, such customer shall distribute, or credit, to the account of each current submetered tenant that portion of the refund which the volume of gas used during the preceding billing period bears to the total volume of gas used by the master meter customer.

(c) In the event a customer subsequently converts to and receives service under an applicable submetering rate schedule as provided in B.3 below, tenant rental charges shall be reduced for the duration of the lease to reflect removal of the energy related charges.

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B. FURNISHING AND METERING OF GAS (Continued)

1. Residential Service (Continued)

- e. Submeter Maintenance and Testing. Where the customer is the owner, lessee, or operator of an apartment house or other Multi-family Accommodation (including mobilehomes in mobilehome parks), and submeters and furnishes gas to tenants in accordance with B.1.d.2 above, said customer shall furnish, install, maintain and test the submeters.
- f. Common Central Facilities. Nothing in this section shall prevent the Utility from furnishing separately metered service to gas-fired equipment such as boilers, heaters and furnaces, used in common by residential tenants or owners.

2. Multi-Tenant Non-Residential Service

Multi-tenant, non-residential facilities may receive gas supplied through either of the following for revenue billing:

- a. An individual meter for each tenant space or facility. However, where in the opinion of the Utility it is impractical to meter individually each premises or space, or where the Commission has authorized the Utility to supply gas service through a single meter, the Utility may provide service through a single meter, subject to the provision of B.2.b below; or
- b. A single meter. Submetering of non-residential service is prohibited. A customer shall not charge others for gas received through a single meter except where the cost of gas is absorbed in the rent for each individual tenant. The rent shall not vary with gas consumption, and there shall be no separate identifiable charge to the tenants for gas.

3. Conversion from Non-Residential Purpose to Residential Use

Buildings originally constructed for a non-residential purpose that subsequently converted to residential use on or after December 15, 1981 without the need for a building permit shall be eligible to convert from their prior rate schedule to an existing applicable residential service submetering rate schedule. Any non-residential building converted to residential use for which a building permit was required on or after July 1, 1982, must be separately metered by the Utility.

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C. OTHER USES OR PREMISES

1. A customer shall not furnish or use gas received from the Utility upon premises, or for purposes, other than those specified in the application for service, or for any use not permitted by the terms of the schedule under which the customer is served.
2. In the event such gas is furnished or resold otherwise than as provided for above, the Utility may either discontinue service to the customer, or when feasible, furnish gas directly to the subcustomer in accordance with its tariff on file with the Commission.

D. EXCEPTION

This rule is not intended to apply to public utilities or municipalities purchasing gas under wholesale schedules for resale purposes.

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