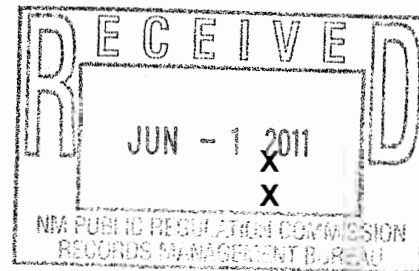


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All meters owned by the Company will meet all specifications established by the regulatory authority. All testing will be performed as specified in NMPRC Rule 560, 17.9.560.14 NMAC to determine accuracy of metering equipment.

Customers may request the testing of a Company meter pursuant to 17.9.560.14. NMAC.

Meter Installation – Customer:

The customer shall provide and at all times maintain free of expense to the Company a suitable and easily accessible location within the premises to be supplied with electricity and sufficient and proper space for the installation of meters or other similar devices of the Company, and shall also provide the necessary wiring, meter loops, and meter board of approved design, construction and installed in accordance with the Company's specifications.

For all new meter installations, the meter or meters shall be installed on the outside of the building according to the rules and specifications of the Company. If it is impractical to locate the meter on the outside, approval for any other location must be obtained by the Company. When it is necessary to install meters on the inside of the building, the customer shall furnish a standardized safety entrance switch of approved construction. In no case will meters be installed on any floor above the first floor of a building nor in bedrooms, kitchens, bathrooms, closets or under stairways.

The Company at any time can change the location of the meters on old installations at the Company's expense.

Customer installations shall be installed and maintained by customer at his expense in a safe and efficient manner in accordance with the specifications of the Company and in full compliance with all laws and governmental regulations applicable to the same.

The Company shall be notified in advance when the customer desires to have his point of delivery, the point service attachment to the building, the meter location or the location of service entrance wiring altered, relocated or changed in any way.

If the customer remodels, builds an extension onto or otherwise alters his building necessitating the relocation of existing service wires, then the Company shall make a charge for the labor and other expenses involved in completing this work for the customer's benefit. The amount of the charge shall be based on only the actual additional expense incurred, and it is the intention to negotiate an estimate of these charges in advance with the customer, taking into consideration the particular

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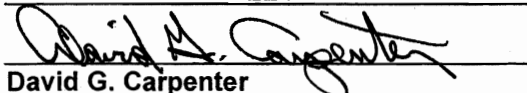
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circumstances of each individual situation.

Meter Installation - Company:

The Company will without rental charge furnish a meter for registration of electricity sold to the customer by the Company. The Company will supply electricity only through meters or other measuring devices furnished and owned by it. The Company shall be notified when the customer desires to have such meter or other measuring device installed, relocated, changed or removed.

Grouping of Meters:

Where two or more meters are to be installed in the same building or on the same premises for different customers, they shall be grouped at one common place accessible for reading and testing, and the meter loops for each customer shall be clearly designated.

All arrangements of meter loops and meter boards shall be made by the customer or owner of the building at a location to be designated by the Company, and each meter shall be protected by an individual standardized safety entrance switch and cut-out.

One Meter per Service:

Electric energy is to be measured by a single meter of each kind needed at each point of delivery for each customer served.

Two or more points of delivery to one customer for the same character of service shall be considered as separate services, and bills shall be separately calculated for each point of delivery. In no case shall a customer extend his wiring or lines in order to furnish electric energy for any other premises through one meter, even though such premises are owned by him.

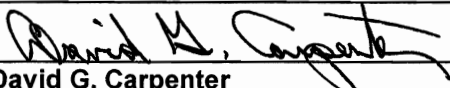
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