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C7.6 Customer's responsibility.

Customers shall not permit any unauthorized person to disconnect or interfere or adjust the Company's meters or other appurtenances, they shall protect the same from injury, be responsible for their safe keeping and reimburse the Company for any damage thereto. The customer should notify the Company immediately of any interruption in the supply of gas.

C7.7 Seals.

Meter equipment may be locked or sealed when service is shut off. No person, except a duly authorized employee of the Company, shall be permitted to break or replace a seal or lock, or to alter or change a meter or its connections or location or to alter a gas pressure regulator.

C8. METERING CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT AND BILLING

C8.1 General provisions.

The customer shall furnish and maintain all piping and equipment beyond the point of service termination at his own expense, except as expressly provided under Rule C4.3, "Centrally metered installations".

C8.2 Adequacy and safety of installation.

The Company shall not be required to supply gas service until the customer's installation shall have been approved by the authorities having jurisdiction over the same; and the Company further reserves the right to withhold its service, or discontinue service, whenever such installation or part thereof is deemed by the Company to be unsafe, inadequate or unsuitable for receiving the Company's service.

C8.3 Repairs - leakage of gas.

All repairs to the customer's piping and equipment shall be made by the customer, and he shall maintain the piping and equipment in the condition required by the authorities having jurisdiction and by the Company. The customer shall give immediate notice to the Company of the indication of any gas leakage.

C8.4 Back pressure and suction.

When the nature of the customer's utilization equipment is such that it may induce back-pressure or suction in the piping system carrying the Company's gas, suitable protective devices, subject to inspection and approval by the Company, shall be furnished, installed and maintained by the customer to protect the customer and the Company's facilities therefrom.

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C8. METERING CUSTOMER EQUIPMENT AND BILLING (Condt.)

C8.5 Inspection of installation.

The Company will not establish gas service to any customer until a representative of the Company has made a test of all gas appliances by observing the meter(s) when all appliances are shut off and gas pressure is on such piping and appliances and finds that no gas passes the meter(s) under such conditions.

If all appliances are shut off and gas passes through the meter(s), the Company will notify the customer of that fact and gas service will not be established until such defect is repaired or corrected.

The Company may require an authorized representative of the customer to perform an "Air Test" on the meter in accordance with the National Fuel Gas Code Rule 4.1.4 - "Air Testing of Customer Lines".

Nothing in this rule shall be construed to make the Company liable for the installation, maintenance or use of piping or appliances owned by the customer beyond the making of the test above required; nor shall the Company be held liable for any continuing duty of inspection of piping or appliances, except as expressly provided under Rule C4.3, "Centrally metered installations".

C8.6 Changes in customer's requirements.

The customer shall give the Company reasonable advance notice in writing of intention to increase materially his load so that adequate facilities may be provided.

When there is a change in the customer's requirements for gas supply or a change by the customer from one filed rate to another, or when the customer includes in his requirements any service theretofore supplied to him or to others under another agreement or agreements for service, the customer shall make such changes and alterations in the piping, service equipment, meter equipment and appurtenances and other parts of the customer's installation as may be necessary to enable the Company to furnish safe and adequate service and to measure the gas thereafter to be supplied through a single meter or through the number of meters which the Company may elect to install as provided under Rule C7.5, "Company's Installation".

Such changes and alterations shall be governed by the requirements applying to new installations.

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C8.7 Measurement of gas service.

Bills will be based upon the registration of the Company's meters except as otherwise provided in these Rules, Regulations and Rate Schedules.

The rates contained in these Rules, Regulations and Rate Schedules apply to the quantities of gas registered by each individual meter for the billing period for which the meter may be read. A single meter shall not supply more than one customer. When the Company, pursuant to provisions of Rule C7.5, installs two or more meters on the same premises to serve a single customer, the consumption registered by such meters shall be consolidated and the rates under which service is taken applied to the total consumption.

C9. GAS COST RECOVERY CLAUSE

C9.1 Applicability of clause.

All rates for gas service, unless otherwise provided in the applicable rate schedule, shall include a Gas Cost Recovery Factor to allow the Company to recover the booked costs of gas sold by the Company if incurred under reasonable and prudent policies and practice.

C9.2 Booked cost of gas sold.

- (a) Booked cost of gas sold as used in this rule includes the following as expensed on the books of the Company:
 - (i) Interstate Purchases: Cost for gas service.
 - (ii) Intrastate Purchases: Costs for gas service incurred pursuant to all contracts on file with the Michigan Public Service Commission.
 - (iii) Company Produced Natural Gas: Costs which vary with volume produced.
 - (iv) Company Produced Substitute Natural Gas: Costs for feedstock used to produce substitute natural gas.
 - (v) Liquefied Petroleum Air Gas: Costs for propane used to produce a propane-air gas mixture.
 - (vi) Storage Gas: Net costs of gas injected and withdrawn from underground storage facilities.
 - (vii) Purchases From Other Michigan Utilities: Costs for gas service pursuant to contracts approved by the appropriate regulatory body.
 - (viii) Supplier Refunds and Credits: Refunds and credits from suppliers in the period realized.

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