

C4. APPLICATION OF RATES

C4.1 Service to non-permanent structures.

When service is to be used at construction sites, or in other non-permanent structures where the facilities installed to provide service will not be used for permanent supply, the customer will be required to pay in advance to the Company a sum of money, which shall be the estimated non-recoverable cost of furnishing and installing all facilities of the Company necessary to provide such service, and the removal thereof. The customer shall not be relieved from his obligation to fulfill the term and minimum charge provisions of his agreement for service.

C4.2 Limitations Upon Service.

The Company's offer to supply gas service, including extensions of mains and service pipes are subject to the provisions, conditions and limitations from time to time imposed by orders, rules and regulations of governmental agencies having jurisdiction over the Company and are also contingent upon the Company's ability to obtain and use the necessary equipment, materials, facilities and labor.

During those periods of time when the Company is not able to obtain a sufficient supply of natural gas to meet the requirements of its existing customers, and/or to meet requests for natural gas service by new residential, commercial or industrial customers, it will be compelled to decline to attach new customers in order to avoid jeopardizing service to existing customers. In addition, the Company may be compelled, due to an insufficient supply of natural gas, to decline to make available additional loads to existing customers. Also, during a period of insufficient gas supply, the Company shall have the right to institute and maintain curtailments of gas service in accordance with the provisions of Rule B4 of these Rules, Regulations and Rate Schedules.

The Company may restrict existing industrial and commercial customers to that quantity of natural gas used during a twelve (12) month period determined by the Company and may enforce any such restriction by discontinuance of natural gas service to any industrial or commercial customer which violates such restriction until the Company is satisfied that any such industrial or commercial customer will abide by the restriction imposed.

During any such periods as described above, the Company will maintain priority lists which will be utilized to the extent practicable in the allocation of any additional gas supply received by the Company.

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C4.3 Master Metered Systems.

A **master meter system** is one that meets all of the following conditions:

- (a) The **system** is served by a single meter installation: and
- (b) The fuel lines are above or below **ground and extend from the meter to a point at which each fuel line terminates at outside utilization equipment or at the building wall (hereby called “termination points”)**; and
- (c) **Three or more said termination points exist on the fuel line system;**
- (d) **The system serves a third party who routinely consumes gas.**

The customer served with a **master meter system** must enter into an inspection and maintenance contract with the Company covering such customer-owned gas distribution system(s). The gas distribution system(s) downstream of the meter shall be paid for and owned by the customer.

The installation of the gas distribution system(s) from the **master meter to each termination point will be** the responsibility of the Company in accordance with the Company's design, installation, operation and maintenance procedures for pipe system(s) and in accordance with the Standards of the Michigan Gas Safety Standards.

Pursuant to R460.20335(3) the charge to the customer for the installation of **or addition to** the underground gas distribution system(s), or any extensions or modifications thereto, will be at the Company's cost plus appropriate overheads.

With respect to customer-owned underground gas distribution system(s), **pursuant to R460.20335(4)** the customer will pay for the cost of inspection and maintenance of such underground gas distribution system(s) downstream of the meter at costs to be determined by the Company under terms agreed to in the Contract for Maintenance of Customer-Owned Underground Gas Distribution Systems as filed with the Michigan Public Service Commission. Extensions or modifications to customer-owned underground gas distribution system(s) shall be made only in accordance with the Contract for Maintenance of Customer-Owned Underground Gas Distribution Systems and shall be made by the Company.

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C4.3 Master Metered Systems (Condt.)

Failure of a master metered customer to enter into and comply with the Contract for Maintenance of Customer-Owned Underground Gas Distribution Systems, as above described, shall be cause for cessation of gas service which will not be reinstated or installed until such contract has been executed and complied with.

C4.4 Redistribution of gas service.

Gas will not be supplied to any customer except for the customer's own use or for the use of the customer's tenants in the building or premise supplied with gas under the service agreement between the Company and the customer. Gas will not be supplied under a filed rate of this rate schedule for submetering or resale by or to any owner, tenant or occupant of any premises. A customer shall not submeter, resell or otherwise dispose of any gas supplied to him under any filed rate; except that a customer of the Company may redistribute such gas to his tenants in the premises supplied when the customer is supplied under a filed rate which does not prohibit such redistribution, and provided that no specific charge is made therein.

C4.5 Notice of change in ownership of occupancy of premises.

Immediately upon sale, lease or any other change in occupancy of the premises or any portion thereof supplied under an agreement for service, the customer shall give written notice to the Company of such change.

C4.6 Choice of Rates

In some cases the customer is eligible to take service under a choice of rates. Upon request, the Company shall advise the customer in the selection of the rate which will give the customer the lowest cost of service, based on the information available, but the responsibility for the selection of the rate lies with the customer. After the customer has selected the rate under which the customer elects to take service, the customer shall not be permitted to change from that rate to another rate until at least 12 months have elapsed. The intent of this rule is to prohibit frequent shifts from rate to rate.

C5. CUSTOMER RESPONSIBILITIES

C5.1 Access to premises.

The Company shall have the right of access to its meter or appurtenances upon the customer's premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of reading meters, of inspecting or repairing its meters and appurtenances, or of removing its property, or for any other proper purpose. All authorized employees of the Company are provided with proper identification.

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