

24. INSTALLATION OF METER PULSE EQUIPMENT

I. PROVISION OF NOTICE

Upon notice to the Company by a non-residential firm or interruptible customer, the Company will provide a pulse initiation device ("PID") at the meter and the Customer may arrange for the connection of equipment to the Company's PID in order to obtain energy consumption data from the meter for the purpose of managing the Customer's energy consumption.

II. REQUIREMENTS FOR SERVICE

The company will allow a Customer to make a connection to the Company's PID provided:

- A. The Customer acquire an intrinsically-safe barrier of a model and type acceptable to the Company for use in protecting the Company's meter from potentially hazardous electrical energy emanating from the Customer's equipment; and
- B. The Customer utilizes a contractor approved by the Company to install such intrinsically-safe barrier and to make the connection to the Company's PID. The Customer shall notify the Company prior to the commencement of work by an approved contractor to install the equipment. Upon request, the Company will provide the Customer with a list of approved contractors and approved intrinsically safe barriers and connections. The Company shall have the right to disconnect at the Customer's expense any equipment connected to a PID that was not installed by an approved contractor.

III. PRICING OF ACCESS TO COMPANY METER

For Customers with a meter on which a PID has been previously installed, the Customer shall pay a charge of \$90 to the Company. For Customers with a meter that does not have a previously installed PID the Customer shall pay a charge of \$150 to the Company.

IV. OWNERSHIP OF METER

The meter and the PID shall at all times remain the property of the Company.

V. METER READING

The Company's meter reading shall be controlling in all cases for billing purposes. The Customer shall also pay all applicable charges for natural gas delivered by the Company to the Customer which does not register on the Company's meter as a result of the installation, operation or failure of the intrinsically safe barrier or connection to the PID. In determining the volume of gas delivered by the Company to the Customer that does not register on the Company's meter, the Company may rely on the customer's actual natural gas usage during similar periods and under similar conditions.

VI. LIABILITY

The Customer shall pay for any damage to the Company's meter or other equipment caused as a result of the installation, operation, or failure of the intrinsically-safe barrier or connection to the Company's meter. The Customer shall be responsible for arranging for the reconnection of its equipment to the PID if it should be necessary for the Company to disconnect the equipment in order to perform maintenance on, or to replace, its meter.

24. INSTALLATION OF METER PULSE EQUIPMENT (continued)

VI. LIABILITY (continued)

The Company shall not be responsible for the loss of any data, or for any costs incurred by the Customer, as a result of the performance of work by the Company or its agents on its meter. The Company shall have the right to disconnect at the Customer's expense and without liability any equipment connected to a PID that was not installed by an approved contractor.

25. AUTOMATED PAYMENT PLAN

Upon written notification by the customer, the Company shall arrange with the customer's banking or other financial institution to have the customer's monthly bill payment automatically deducted no sooner than the bill due date. If a payment should be returned, the Company shall charge the customer a fee as specified in Appendix A under this provision. A customer's participation in the plan will be discontinued if two payments are not honored by the customer's financial institution within 45 days or three payments within 12 consecutive months.

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