
RATE SCHEDULE 15
CHARGES FOR SPECIAL METERING EQUIPMENT, RENTAL METERS AND
METERING SERVICES (OPTIONAL)

AVAILABLE:

In all territory served by the Company under the Tariff of which this Rate Schedule is a part.

TERM OF SERVICE:

The Term of Service for monthly meter rentals and metering services provided under this Schedule is twelve (12) consecutive billing months. At the end of a full Term of Service, service under this Rate Schedule will continue on a billing month basis until terminated by either the Customer or the Company upon one (1) billing month advance notice.

MONTHLY METER RENTAL RATES:

Any Customer may pay to rent supplementary displacement type meters from the Company on a monthly basis calculated as follows:

$$= \frac{\text{Net Present Value (Total Cost to Serve Meter at Discount Rate } r \text{ over Period } t)}{12}$$

- The Rental Meter is the meter inclusive of an Encoder Receiver Transmitter (ERT), if necessary, as well as required fittings and components (e.g., swivel, gasket, flange, etc.) which can vary by meter type and size.
- Cost to Serve includes incremental capital-related costs (the cost of the Rental Meter) as well as any other costs customarily relating to recovery of the utility investment, including but not limited to capital depreciation, regulatory fees, and income and property taxes.
- Discount Rate r is the weighted cost of capital and cost of long-term debt authorized by the Commission in the Company's most recent general rate case. Period t is equal to the total depreciable life (in years) of the assembled meter set.

The Net Present Value calculation produces a levelized cost of the Company to serve the rental meter at Discount Rate r over Period t . Dividing this value by 12 produces the Monthly Meter Rental Charge.

The Company will consult with the Customer regarding available meters of sizes and pressures that meet their service requirements prior to entering into a rental agreement. The meter rental charge, which is calculated as a monthly rate as described above, is presented to the Customer prior to the rental period and installation at the Customer premises.

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MONTHLY METER RENTAL RATES (Continued):

The following **diaphragm** meter sizes and associated monthly charges are retained under existing arrangements for billing purposes. These meters/charges are not available to new meter rental requests.

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Applicable			
Meters Installed Prior to 9/24/2008	Meters Installed Prior to 4/26/2018	Meter Size (cf/hour)	Monthly Charge
XX		175	\$0.81
	XX	200	\$0.81
	XX	275	\$1.00
XX		310	\$1.00
	XX	415	\$1.70
XX		425	\$1.70
	XX	500	\$1.70
XX		750	\$4.07
XX		800	\$4.07
		1400	\$9.29
	XX	1450	\$9.29
XX		2300	\$14.68
	XX	2500	\$14.68
	XX	3000	\$23.33
XX		5000	\$23.33
	XX	11000	\$23.33
XX		16000	\$23.33
	XX	18000	\$23.33

The following **rotary** meter sizes and associated monthly charges are retained under existing conditions for billing purposes. These meters/charges are not available to new meter rental requests.

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Applicable			
Meters Installed Prior to 4/26/2018	Meter Size	Meter Capacity (cf/hour)	Monthly Charge
XX	8C175	800	\$ 13.00

METERING SERVICES AND CHARGES:

Metering Service	One Time Charge	Installation Charge	Monthly Charge
Rental Read	---	---	\$0.76
Advanced Automated Meter Reading (AAMR) Device ¹	---	\$1,270.53	\$54.04
Remote Index	---	\$50.00	\$4.00
Pulse Output	---	\$100.00	\$8.00
Administrative Set-Up/Consultation Fee (all meters)	\$145.00	---	---
Technical Assistance (Rotary meters only)	\$145.00	---	---

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¹Site specific engineering design costs for AAMR will be added to the installation charge if needed.

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR RENTAL METERS AND SPECIAL METERING EQUIPMENT:

1. Prior to receiving service under this section of the Schedule, the Customer must sign a rental agreement that requires a 12-month term. Customers who terminate service after less than 12 months will be required to pay all charges otherwise due to fulfill the 12-month obligation under the service agreement. This requirement protects non-participating Customers from absorbing costs associated with this service.
2. Service under this section of this Schedule is voluntary and separate from billing for or delivery of natural gas to a Customer's premise.
3. Since the Company does not maintain an inventory of all meter types offered under this Schedule, a delay may occur from the time a Customer requests service under this Schedule until the Company can provide it.
4. The Customer will be responsible for the meter pick-up and return of diaphragm meters.
5. The Customer will incur the Administrative Set-Up/Consultation Fee for each rental meter.
6. Upon delivery of a rotary meter, the Customer will incur the Technical Assistance charge listed above for each rental rotary meter. A Customer may not waive this provision or the associated fee. Technical assistance helps the Company ensure proper handling of rotary meters.
7. The Company will install AAMR Devices for the charge listed above. AAMR devices will only be installed on Company owned meters and the Company will require that the Customer provide active and continuous electric power per company specifications to enable meter communications.
8. Upon request, the Company will provide one differential test per calendar year on rotary meters. The testing will be scheduled at the Company's convenience.
9. The Customer is responsible to protect all rental equipment from damage including but not limited to installing parking bollards to protect the rental equipment from vehicular or other damage.
10. Unless manufacturer error can be established, a Customer will be charged for damaged rental equipment. The charge will be the replacement cost less depreciation determined from the initiation date of the rental agreement to the present.
11. A new rental agreement is required each time rental equipment is replaced.
12. An Administrative Set-Up/Consultation Fee will be incurred each time a new rental agreement is initiated, except when the rental meter is being replaced because of manufacturer error.
13. Meter reads are available for the charge established above only when the Customer's service meter is remotely read with the Company's drive-by technology and that technology can easily receive transmitted reads from the rental meter. The Company may determine that meter reads are not available where these conditions are not met. Also, only the Company may choose the billing cycle on which the meter is read.

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SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR RENTAL METERS AND SPECIAL METERING EQUIPMENT
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14. The Company may periodically offer rental equipment that is not listed in this rate schedule. Temporary rental equipment will be offered at a billing rate based on approved prices for near equivalent equipment. The use of temporary rental equipment will be for a limited duration not to exceed one year at which time the rental equipment will either be removed or the Company will file with the Commission to add the equipment to this rate schedule.
15. The rates shown in this Rate Schedule may not always reflect actual billing rates. See **Schedule 100** for a list of applicable adjustments.

GENERAL TERMS:

Service under this Rate Schedule is governed by the terms of this Rate Schedule, the General Rules and Regulations contained in this Tariff, any other schedules that by their terms or by the terms of this Rate Schedule apply to service under this Rate Schedule, and by all rules and regulations prescribed by regulatory authorities, as amended from time to time.

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