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**GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS**

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**Rule 21. Distribution Facilities: Access and Protection.**

Unobstructed access to meters and other property of the Company located on the Customer's Premises must be given to the Company, its employees, its contractors, subcontractors, and agents, at all reasonable times, for installation, inspection, adjustment, repair, maintenance, removal and other purposes. Failure to permit access at reasonable times and after reasonable notice is grounds for Disconnection of Service.

Any meters supplied by the Company shall at all times remain the property of the Company.

If for any reason the Company's employees cannot gain access to read a meter, an estimated bill will be rendered as set forth in **Rule 7**. Any estimated reading shall be clearly noted on the bill.

If the Company cannot gain access to a meter to complete a Disconnection of Service because actions of the Customer or conditions at the Premise cause the meter to be inaccessible, the Company may elect to install a shut-off valve at the curb. Customer shall pay a charge for such installation as set forth in **Schedule C**.

In cases where access to a meter is restricted, the Company may ask Customer to obtain monthly readings by completing and returning the meter reading form to the Company. Any Customer reading is subject to actual verification by the Company not less than once every four (4) months.

Customer shall protect meters and other property supplied by the Company from damage or theft. Interference by anyone, except employees of the Company, with the meter or its connections, services, mains, or other property of the Company shall be unlawful and subject to charges set forth in **Schedule C**.

The Company will install guard posts around meters in Company-approved locations when, in Company's judgment, such measures are necessary for safety. If Customer requests a different meter location that requires the installation of guard posts, Company will install the guard posts at Customer's expense.

If, in the Company's judgment, Company meters or other property are not accessible or safe because of Customer improvements at the Premise, or because of hazardous or potentially hazardous conditions or other actions of Customer, the Company may move or relocate the meter or other property at Customer's expense.

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