

## TO BE RESCINDED

4901:1-15-20      **Metering, inspecting, testing, and the location of meters.**

This rule applies to waterworks companies and/or sewage disposal system companies providing metered service.

**(A) Metering.**

- (1) Each waterworks company shall read each customer's meter at least once each three-month period unless access to the meter is unobtainable.
- (2) Each waterworks company shall read each customer's meter at least once per year. The reading of a remote meter device does not satisfy this requirement.
- (3) Consumption estimates for purposes of customer bill calculation shall be based on either a minimum charge or the customer's average historical consumption in a corresponding period.

**(B) Inspecting and testing.**

- (1) Each waterworks company shall perform routine testing of billing meters and maintain records of individual meters. Such records shall contain numerical identification of the meter, meter size, testing conditions, test results, testing date, and name of the meter tester.
- (2) Customers may request a meter test. Should the meter fail to meet the accuracy standards set forth in rule 4901:1-15-21 of the Administrative Code, the company shall within thirty days, perform any necessary billing adjustments. If the meter meets the accuracy standards, the company may require the customer to pay an amount not to exceed the actual cost of having the meter tested and, if necessary for the test, removed and reinstalled.
- (3) The company may test any meter at its discretion. The cost of such test shall be borne by the company.
- (4) The company or any customer may request that a meter test be performed in the presence of a staff member of the compliance division of the commission. The customer also has the right to be present.
- (5) Records of the tests shall be maintained for a period of not less than three years.

**(C) Location of meters.**

- (1) Accessibility - the company shall have the right to determine the location of the meter so that it is easily accessible for reading and maintenance, and protected from freezing and mechanical damage.
- (2) Meter grouping - when a number of meters are grouped, every meter shall be tagged to indicate the particular customer served by it.
- (3) Remote meters - when a meter is located inside a home or other building, the company may install a remote register or dial on the exterior of the home or other building.

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