

REGULATION NO. 17

METER READING

Meters will be read at regular intervals. Except as otherwise provided, the regular billing period will be once each month, but may be at other intervals as established at the discretion of the District.

Opening and closing bills and monthly bills for electric service rendered for periods of less than 27 days or more than 33 days will be computed in accordance with the rate applicable to that service, except that the amount of the energy blocks, demand blocks, et cetera, and the minimum charge as set forth in that rate will be prorated in the ratio that the number of days in the period in question bears to the total number of days in an average month which will be taken as 30 days.

When the total period for which electric service is used at any given service connection is less than one month, the bill rendered will be computed in accordance with the rate applicable to that service, except that in no case will the total amount of the bill be less than the monthly minimum charge therein stated.

For the administration of accumulative minimum charge clauses or for the application of special clauses in the rate schedules of regulations, wherein reference is made to months specifically by calendar name or as to the number of months, any meter regularly read on any day from the 1st to the 15th, inclusive, of any month shall be considered as having registered the use of the service for the previous calendar month; and any meter regularly read on any day from the 16th to the last day, inclusive, of any month shall be considered as having registered the use of the service for that calendar month.

For the purpose of making charges, each meter upon the customer's premises will be considered separately and in no case will the readings of two or more meters be combined except as follows:

Where combinations of meter readings are specifically provided for in rate schedules.

Where, for the necessity of operating convenience of the District, there have been installed two or more meters upon the customer's premises instead of one. The necessity or operating convenience of the District shall be determined by the nature of meter installation that would be made for new customers applying for a similar character of service.

A. METERS - GEOTHERMAL:

1. All meters shall be sealed and the seal shall be broken only upon occasions when the meters are to be inspected, tested or adjusted.
2. The District shall inspect and test all meters upon their installation and at least once every year thereafter. If requested to do so by Producer, the District shall inspect or test a meter more frequently than every year, but the expense of such inspection or test shall be paid by Producer unless the meter is found to register inaccurately by more than two percent (2%) from the measurement made by a standard meter. Each Party shall give reasonable notice to the other Party of the time when any inspection

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or test shall take place and that Party may have representatives present at the test or inspection. If a meter is found to be inaccurate or defective, it shall be adjusted, repaired or replaced in order to provide accurate metering. All adjustments due to inaccurate meters shall be limited to the preceding six (6) months.

3. If a meter fails to register, or if the measurement made by a meter during a test varies by more than two percent (2%) from the measurement made by the standard meter used in the test, adjustment shall be made correcting all measurements made by the inaccurate meter for:
 - a. The actual period during which inaccurate measurements were made, if the period can be determined, or if not,
 - b. The period immediately preceding the test of the meter equal to one-half (½) the time from the date of the last previous test of the meter; provided, however, that the period covered by the correction shall not exceed six (6) months.

B. IRREGULAR KILOWATT-HOUR CONSUMPTION:

When a District agent discovers suspicious circumstances involving irregular kilowatt-hour consumption and/or meter damage the Energy Department's Claim Investigator is contacted to investigate the circumstances.

When it is determined that energy consumption was obtained through fraudulent methods, the customer is billed for the actual and/or estimated kilowatt-hours and the damages.

For the first time offense, when consumption is metered and no damage has occurred, the customer will be charged actual costs and an appropriate deposit. The customer will be advised that subsequent offenses will be pursued in court and treble charges will be sought.

Treble charges and a criminal action may be sought if evidence warrants for second time offenses, diverted energy and/or meter damage. Single charges and an appropriate deposit will be required to keep an account active while treble and or criminal charges are pending.