

Rule No. 9

RENDERING AND PAYMENT OF BILLS

A. Rendering of Bills

Bills for service will be rendered each customer on a monthly or bimonthly basis at the option of the utility, unless otherwise provided in the rate schedules.

1. Metered Service

- a. Meters will be read at regular intervals for the preparation of periodic bills and as required for the preparation of opening bills, closing bills and special bills.
- b. The opening bill for metered service shall be prorated as provided for in paragraph 3a, below.
- c. It may not always be practicable to read meters at intervals which will result in billing periods of equal numbers of days.
 - (1) Should a monthly billing period contain less than 27 days or more than 33 days a pro rata correction in the amount of the bill will be made.
 - (2) The charge for metered service for a bimonthly period will be computed by doubling the monthly minimum or readiness to serve charge and the number of cubic feet to which each block rate is applicable on a monthly basis.
 - (3) For billing periods other than monthly or bimonthly adjustments will be made proportionate to that for a monthly billing period.
- d. Bills for metered service will show at least the reading of the meter at the end of the period for which the bill is rendered, the meter constant, if any, the number and kind of units, and the date of the current meter reading.
- e. Each meter on a customer's premises will be considered separately, and the readings of two or more meters will not be combined, except where combination of meter readings is specifically provided for in the applicable rate schedule, or where the utility's operating convenience or necessity may require the use of more than one meter, or a battery of meters. In the latter case, the monthly minimum or readiness to serve charge will be the monthly minimum or readiness to serve charge of the applicable rate schedule of the size meter for which the battery of meters was substituted.

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2. Flat Rate Service

- a. Bills for flat rate service are payable in advance.
- b. The opening bill for flat rate service shall be prorated as provided for in paragraph 3a, below.
- c. For billing periods other than monthly, the charge for flat rate service will be computed by multiplying the monthly charge by the number of months in the billing period.

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3. Proration of Bills

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- a. The charges applicable to opening periods, closing bills and bills rendered for periods corresponding to less than 27 days or more than 33 days for monthly billing periods will be computed as follows:

(1) Metered Service

The amount of the minimum charge (and the quantity allowed therefore) or the readiness to serve charge and the quantity in each of the several quantity rate blocks will be prorated on the basis of the ratio of the number of days in the period to the number of days in an average billing period. The measured quantity of usage will be applied to such prorated amounts and quantities. In no case will the total of bills rendered a customer at a particular premises be less than the minimum monthly charge for such service.

(2) Flat Rate Service

The billing period charge will be prorated on the basis of the ratio of the number of days in the period to the number of days in an average billing period. In no case will the total of bills rendered a customer at a particular premises be less than the minimum monthly charge for such service.

(3) Average Billing Period

The number of days in an average billing period is defined as 365 divided by the number of billing periods in a year. (It is 30.4 days for a monthly billing period).

B. Payment of Bills

Bills for service are due and payable upon presentation and payment may be made at any commercial office of the utility or to any representative of the utility authorized to make collections. Collection of closing bills may be made at the time of presentation.

1. Bad Checks

Utility may charge \$10.00 for any bad check or electronic funds transfer not honored.

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