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SERVICE CONNECTIONS

- 12.1 For the connection of its distribution systems to customer's premises, Company shall, with the exception listed below, furnish and install at its own expense the pipe and fittings between its main and customer's property line, or to the point of delivery, whichever is the most upstream. The title of the gas service stub shall remain vested in the Company.
- 12.2 It is the responsibility of the customer to pay for all gas piping located on the customer's property for the purpose of providing the connection between the various points of consumption and the Company's gas service stub. However, the Company will install the first 100 feet of the service line free of charge to the customer. There will a per foot charge for the length of service line beyond 100 feet and a charge for pavement cuts and rocky soil conditions. The per foot charge will be determined on an average cost per foot for services installed in the Company's services area during the preceding months
- 12.3 The Company is responsible for repair and replacement of defective service lines upstream of the meter, while the customer is responsible for the defects downstream of the meter. The decision to repair or replace the customer's service line will be made by the Company.
- 12.4 It shall be the duty of the customer to maintain the house line in good and safe condition at his own expense.
- 12.5 Due to the nature of the customer's line service, the Company reserves the responsibility of the installation, any necessary replacement, in whole or in part, of the customer's gas service line, from the customer property line to the point of measurement.
- 12.6 Any relocation of the customer's service line, or meter, for the convenience of the customer, or necessitated by changes in construction or to comply with these rules and regulations will be performed by the Company. The customer will bear the actual cost of the relocation of the service line or meter.
- 12.7 Customer gas piping and equipment on premises to be served within the incorporated city limits must be inspected and approved in accordance with existing ordinances, or by an authorized agent of the city or town in which service is to be rendered.
- 12.8 Customer gas piping and equipment on premises to be served outside the incorporated city limits must be inspected and approved by a licensed gas fitter in accordance with existing rules and regulations of the Company applicable to the Company's service area or by an authorized agent of the State of Montana.

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- 12.9 A customer's service line may be used to supply a single building, or a single group of buildings, such as a group of factory buildings, hospital buildings, or a single institution having a number of separate buildings under one management or control; provided that each building is an integral part of and necessary to the operation of the institution and further provided that such buildings are not separated by public streets, alleys, lanes, courts, highways or by property owned by others.
- 12.10 If the Company finds the customer's gas piping or equipment to be in a dangerous condition, the Company may discontinue gas service until the customer's piping or equipment is brought to a safe condition.

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