

# GREAT FALLS NATURAL GAS TARIFF



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## TESTING OF METERS - COMPANY REQUIRED

- 15.1 Gas meters should meet a standard of no more than two (2) percent slow or two (2) percent fast.
- 15.2 Meters removed from service because of damage, and meters that do not flow gas or that flow gas but do not register shall be repaired, tested, and adjusted before reinstallation.
- 15.3 New meters received from a manufacturer shall be subjected to testing on a random sample basis of ten (10) percent of the total received and must be found satisfactory before the shipment is released for use. If unsatisfactory, all meters in the shipment shall be tested, repaired, and adjusted if necessary, or the shipment shall be returned to the manufacturer.
- 15.4 Meters of 1,000 cubic feet per hour or greater capacity shall be tested and adjusted or repaired, if necessary, at a periodic interval not to exceed eight (8) years.
- 15.5 All other meters shall be subjected to random sampling whereby each family of meter is tested pursuant to the following testing program;
- A. Meter groups whose performance meets or exceeds in the following criteria shall remain in service until such time that statistical sampling of said group indicated a positive degradation to performance below the following criteria:
1. At least 90% of the meters within the group must register within plus/minus 2% of accuracy.
  2. Not more than 10% of the meters in the group may register more than 2% fast.
- B. If initial and confirming follow-up sampling tests indicate that the performance of a group of meters has fallen, then the acceptable criteria for that group of meters will require that group to be changed within 18 months.
- C. The Company may use meters "Removed for Cause" to constitute the random sample. Meters "Removed for Cause" are meters changed during normal customer appliance trouble calls, because of customer billing complaints or removed due to building demolition, extended inactive service, or damage. Exclusions to this paragraph as noted in the paragraph above.

