

**SECTION IX  
METERING SERVICES AND OBLIGATIONS**

9.1. Equipment Standards

Statewide rules for metering as adopted by the Commission will apply to all equipment standards within the Company's service territory and may be supplemented by the Company's metering standards.

9.2. Meter Ownership and Maintenance

The Company will own, furnish, install, program, calibrate, test and maintain all meters and all associated equipment used for retail billing and settlement purposes in the Company's service area.

9.3. Meter Requirements

- a) Interval Meters will be required for End-use Customers who select a Certified Supplier and have a maximum annual peak demand greater than or equal to 100 kW for the most recent twelve (12) month period.
- b) The End-use Customer or Certified Supplier may request an Interval Meter for use at any account below the interval meter threshold.
- c) The Company may require Interval Metering, at the Company's expense, for other End-use Customers based on a review of the End-use Customer's rate schedule, billing history and class Load Profile information. If installed, the Interval Meter will be used for retail billing and settlement purposes.
- d) The End-use Customer will be responsible for providing a Communication Link to an Interval Meter per Company specifications. The Company will be allowed access to the Communication Link for meter interrogation. The requested interval meters will be used for retail billing and settlement purposes.

9.4. Interval Meter Charges and Installation Process

a) Charges

The End-use Customer shall be responsible for the incremental costs of upgrading the present meter plus all incremental costs associated with the installation of required or requested interval metering. The charges for an Interval Meter will be at the tariffed rate, which may be paid over a period not to exceed twenty-four (24) months. Title to the interval meter shall remain with the Company.

The End-use Customer or the End-use Customer's Certified Supplier may select a meter from the Company's approved equipment list. The End-use Customer or its Certified Supplier may communicate with the meter for the purpose of obtaining usage data, subject to the Company's communication protocol. The End-use Customer is responsible for providing the Communication Link for purposes of reading the meter.

The End-use Customer must approve a work order for an Interval meter installation before it can be served by a Certified Supplier. For End-use Customers who will have an Interval Meter installed for the requested service, service may begin, assuming the Company has an approved work order for the interval meter installation. A Company load profile will be used for settlement. Consumption meter reads will continue to be used for billing. This will be the approach during the period between the End-use Customer's request for an Interval Meter and the Company's installation of such a meter.

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If the Company cannot gain access to the meter installation, the Communication Link is not installed, or the Communication Link is not working properly, the Company may charge the End-use Customer for any additional trips to the meter site.

9.5. Meter Reading

a) Regular Cycled Meter Reads

The Company will continue to read all meters in its service territory in accordance with the regularly scheduled Billing Cycles and off-schedule when the Company deems a read necessary. End-use Customers must provide access to the meters for the Company to obtain meter readings.

b) Estimated Reads

The Company will estimate the usage, if metered data is lost due to failure of, or damage to, the metering equipment. Reads may also be estimated in the case of inclement weather, inaccessibility, etc.

c) Special Meter Reads

The Company will provide special meter reads as requested by Certified Suppliers. The Charges for these meter reads are specified in the Certified Supplier Meter Service Charges.

d) Meter Testing

The Company will provide meter testing as requested by Certified Suppliers. The Charges for meter testing are specified in the Certified Supplier Meter Service Charges.

e) End-use Customer Meter Reads

Residential End-use Customers may read the Company's meters and forward the meter reading information to the Company by phone, mail, or fax. In the future, the Company may accept this information over the Internet. While residential End-use Customer reads are acceptable, End-use Customers must grant the Company access to the meters as specified by the Ohio Administrative Code.

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