

Meters: (cont'd)

shall furnish sufficient and proper space for the installation of the meter or meter system.

2. The Customer shall be responsible for the protection of the meters and other Company property located on the premises and shall exercise reasonable care to prevent theft of, damage to, or interference with such equipment.
3. The Company will install upon request of the customer as many meters as the customer shall desire, provided that the pipe or piping system connected to each meter or meter system shall be determined separately and billed in accordance with the provisions of the applicable service classification.

#### I. Meter Reading, Billing and Collection:

##### 1. Meters, Meter Reading and Billing Period:

(a) The quantity of gas consumed will be ascertained by a meter, provided by the Company. The Company will endeavor to read meters at monthly intervals and to render a bill on a monthly basis. Rates and charges stated in this Schedule are on the basis of service through a single meter. The Company may, when in its judgment the conditions warrant, or to improve service, install two or more meters to render service and consolidate the consumption registered by such meters for the billing process.

(b) Pursuant to Section 11.30 of the Home Energy Fair Practices Act, no tenant may be billed for gas service which is not used to provide service within the tenant's apartment if the tenant has not consented to pay for such usage. Please refer to HEFPA for further details of the customer's rights regarding diversion. A copy of these rules are on file in the Company's office.

(c) Effective November 19, 1985, as required by Public Service Law Section 38, the Company shall offer any residential customer, 62 years of age or older, a plan for payment on a quarterly basis of charges for service rendered provided the such customer's average annual billing is not more than \$150.