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GENERAL INFORMATION

5. PIPING AND EQUIPMENT

5.1 INSPECTION, MAINTENANCE AND REPLACEMENT OF FACILITIES

- (A) The Company shall be solely responsible for the inspection, testing, operation, maintenance, replacement and reconstruction of all mains, service lines, service connections and appurtenant facilities which it used to supply gas to customers.
- (B) The Company shall bear the cost of inspecting, testing and operating all facilities. It shall bear the cost of maintaining, replacing or reconstructing all main and appurtenant facilities. It shall also bear the cost of maintaining, replacing or reconstructing the service line and appurtenant facilities necessary to serve each as if such customer were an applicant for service, unless an act or omission of the customer necessitates the replacement or reconstruction.
- (C) If an act or omission of any customer who had installed facilities necessitates the replacement or reconstruction of such facilities, the customer shall pay to the Company the cost of replacement or reconstruction.
- (D) The Company reserves the right to make an inspection of premises before rendering service in order to see that its rules are complied with.

 Neither by inspection or non-rejection, nor in any other way, does the Company give any warranty, express or implied, as to the adequacy, safety or other characteristics of any structures, equipment, pipes, appliances or devices owned, installed or maintained by the customer or leased by the customer from third parties.
- (E) Except to the extent prevented by circumstances beyond its control, the Company shall conduct a field inspection as soon as reasonably possible and within 60 calendar days of the following:
 - (1) a request contained in a service application;
 - (2) a reasonable customer request;
 - (3) the issuance of a field inspection order in accordance with the Company's bill review program;
 - (4) notification from any reasonable source that service may not be correctly metered;
 - (5) a directive by the Commission or its authorized designee.

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