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14. METER READING, ESTIMATED BILLS AND BACKBILLING (Cont'd)

- B. <u>Estimated Bills</u>
 - 1. <u>Meter Registration</u>

Should any meter or measuring device for any reason fail to register for any period of time the full usage of service by a customer, or if the actual usage of service cannot be obtained because of inability of the Company or MDSP (see Addendum-MET) to read a meter or measuring device, the usage of service by such customer may be estimated by the Company on the basis of available data with the customer billed accordingly.

- 2. <u>Estimated Billing</u>
 - a. Residential
 - (1) Estimated bills may be routinely sent to the customer for a period of four months or two billing periods, whichever is greater.
 - (2) If no actual reading is obtained after the aforementioned period, the Company shall take reasonable actions to obtain an actual meter reading. Such actions may include but are not limited to:
 - (a) Making an appointment with the customer and/or such other person, who controls access to the meter, for the reading at a time to include times other than during normal business hours; or
 - (b) Offering the customer and/or such other person, who controls access to the meter, the opportunity to phone in meter readings; or
 - (c) Providing to the customer and/or such other person, who controls access to the meter, cards on which he or she may record the reading and mail it to the Company.

Where the customer resides in a multiple dwelling (as defined in the Multiple Dwelling Law or Multiple Residences Law), or in a two-family dwelling that is known by the Company to contain residential units where service is provided through a single meter or meters, and the meter is not in the apartment, the notice shall be sent to the customer and such other person who controls access to the meter.