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35. RETAIL ACCESS PROGRAM (Cont'd)

H. **METERING**

- (a) Central Hudson or a Meter Data Service Provider (see Addendum No. 1) will perform meter readings according to established reading cycles and current practices, and provide relevant meter reading information to customers and Retail Suppliers as specified under "Customer Information". Retail Suppliers may use metered information only for billing customers or for scheduling, balancing and settling deliveries with Central Hudson;
- (b) If an eligible customer or Retail Supplier requests Central Hudson to provide a meter reading on a day other than normally scheduled (special meter reading), the Company will assess the requestor a fee of twenty (\$20) dollars per meter per reading;
- (c) Customers that choose to take part in retail access programs may continue to use the same metering equipment that is in place at the time of their application for retail access. Such customers, however, may request the installation of a different Commission-approved meter, with the cost of such meter and installation to be borne by the customer and with Central Hudson retaining sole control of the meter and responsibility for the installation, maintenance and compliance with Commission regulations. Customers electing to have such meters installed will be billed, for retail access purposes, based on the data collected from those meters. The Company will own such meters, except as noted below.
- (d) Central Hudson will allow three-phase primary, substation, and transmission customers, whose demand exceeds 1,000 kW during two (2) consecutive months within the previous twelve (12) months, to have the option of owning Commission-approved meters, with Central Hudson retaining sole control of the meters. Such customers, or their designees, may receive metered data on a real-time or other basis, without incurring a fee, provided that such customers install and maintain, at their own expense, the necessary ancillary hardware and software required to provide such data. Such access may require Central Hudson to install a different type of meter/recorder that will allow multiple access: with the cost of the meter/recorder and installation borne by the customer, and Central Hudson retaining sole control of the meter and responsibility for the installation, maintenance and compliance with Commission regulations.
- (e) Central Hudson's "Supplier Handbook for Customer Choice Retail Access Program" contains a schedule of meter upgrade charges. Additional metering information, consistent with Public Service Commission Opinion No. 97-13, is available from Central Hudson upon request.

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