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### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

### 7. SERVICE CONNECTIONS/METER: (CONT'D)

# A. Company Property: (Cont'd)

The Customer shall be responsible for the safekeeping of the property of the Company on his premises and shall take all reasonable precaution against unlawful interference with such property.

The Customer shall not interfere with or alter the meters, seals, or other property used in connection with rendering gas service, or permit same to be done by others than the authorized agents or employees of the Company. Damage caused directly or indirectly by the Customer to the Company's property shall be paid for by the Customer.

<u>Outdoor Meters</u>: Meters shall be installed outside, whenever feasible, for all new one, two, or three family houses. A modern temperature compensated gas meter equipped with a remote meter reading device shall be installed for all new one, two and three family houses where an outside meter installation is not feasible.

If a meter or service has been found to be tempered with, or a theft of service has occurred, the Company may charge the Customer its costs and expenses for investigating, repairing and removing the meter and installing it in a secure location.

## B. Inspection and Examination of Company Apparatus:

#### (1) Access to Premises:

Any employee or agent of the Company who exhibits a photo-identification badge and written authority as provided in Section 65(9) of the Public Service Law has the authority, to enter at all reasonable times the Customer's premises supplied with gas for the purpose of:

- (a) reading a meter to ascertain the quantity of gas supplied; and
- (b) inspecting and examining the meters, pipes, fittings and works for supplying or regulating the supply of gas. Inspecting and examining the meters, pipes, fittings and works for supplying gas to residential customers is limited to a non-holiday workday between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., or at such other reasonable times as requested by a customer except for:
  - (i) inspection and examination of any such equipment where an emergency may threaten the health and safety of a person, the surrounding area, or the Company's distribution system; or
  - (ii) inspection and examination of any such equipment may be conducted between the hours of 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. on any day when there is evidence of meter tampering or theft of services.

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