

9. METERING

9.1. INSTALLATION:

All meter locations and provisions for connecting metering equipment are subject to approval by BCLP. Meter locations shall be consistent with good engineering and safety practices and shall comply with all appropriate codes and standards.

BCLP will furnish, install, own, and maintain all meters and other metering devices and accessories (except meter bases, pedestals, or cabinets) necessary to measure the electric service used by the Customer.

Separate premises, even though owned by the same Customer, will not be supplied through the same meter, except as may be specifically provided for in the applicable Electric Rate Schedule.

BCLP may install a demand meter on any account when the Customer's equipment and operation indicates that a demand meter may be required for correct application of the Electric Rate Schedule.

When multiple meters are installed at the same location, it is the developer / owner's responsibility to permanently and correctly label each meter base for the associated service address. BCLP may check such meter installations to verify they are correctly labeled. When a complaint is received from a Customer of possible switched meters, BCLP will check the meter installations to verify that they are correctly labeled.

The Customer shall provide and maintain a satisfactory location to install the meter and connect the metering equipment at a place convenient for BCLP, readily accessible through the Customer's property without risk of bodily harm to BCLP employees, free from vibration, corrosive atmosphere, and abnormal temperatures, that will allow access for meter reading, inspection, and maintenance without expense to BCLP. The Customer will not interfere with or alter, or permit interference with or alteration of, BCLP's meter or other property.

9.2. METER TESTS:

BCLP will test and inspect its meters from time to time and maintain their accuracy of registration in accordance with generally accepted practices.

9.3. BILLING ADJUSTMENTS FOR METER ERROR, METER FAILURE TO REGISTER, OR METER TAMPERING:

(a) Meter Error

If a meter tests more than two percent fast, BCLP shall refund to the Customer the estimated overcharge based on the corrected meter readings for the period the meter was in use, not exceeding six months, unless it can be shown that the error was due to some cause, the date of which can be identified.

If a meter tests more than two percent slow, BCLP may bill the Customer for the estimated undercharge based on the corrected meter readings for the period the meter was in use, not exceeding six months, unless it can be shown that the error was due to some cause, the date of which can be identified.

(b) Meter Failure to Register

If a meter fails to register correctly the amount of electric power and energy used by the Customer, BCLP may use the best available information to estimate the amount of power and energy used but unbilled for up to but not exceeding six months, unless it can be shown that the error was due to some cause, the date of which can be identified, and then bill the Customer for that amount.

Based upon the amount of that bill, the Customer will have the following options:

1. If the estimated bill is equal to or less than \$100 for a residential Customer or \$250 for a commercial Customer, the payment in full is required within 30 days.
2. If the estimated bill exceeds the above limits, the payment can be spread over a 6 month period.
3. If the estimated amount is determined to be large compared to the estimated annual bill, BCLP may establish a longer repayment period.

(c) Meter Tampering

Meter tampering occurs when a BCLP meter seal is cut by anyone other than authorized BCLP personnel.

If a BCLP meter fails to register accurately because of facility changes or meter tampering, BCLP may estimate the Customer's power and energy during the time of such failure on the basis of the best available data. Any appliance or wiring connections found on the Customer's premises which prevent the meter from accurately recording the total amount of power and energy used on the premises may at once be removed by BCLP.

Before the electric service is restored, the Customer will immediately pay for:

1. the estimated power and energy consumption;
2. the expense of removing any such wiring or appliances and restoring the equipment of BCLP to its normal operating conditions
3. a meter tampering fee of \$100.00.

(c) Meter Tampering - continued

BCLP may also refuse further electric service or require the Customer to make such changes in his wiring installation as BCLP deems proper. The Customer will also be subject to criminal prosecution.

9.4. MASTER METERING:

No new master metering will be installed and existing systems will be eliminated as opportunities arise.