

WELLS RURAL ELECTRIC COMPANY

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RULE NO. 16

SERVICE CONNECTIONS, METERS AND MEMBER/OWNER'S FACILITIES

A. General

1. Electric service will be supplied under and pursuant to a properly executed service agreement and to the Rates, Rules and Regulations of the company.
2. Number of Services to be Installed
 - a) The company will not install more than one service, either overhead or underground, for the same voltage and phase classification for any one building or groups of buildings on a single premise, except that separate services may be installed for separate buildings or groups of buildings where necessary for the operating convenience of the company or where required by law or local ordinance. Where more than one class of service is required for a member/owner and is to be supplied from the same pole, manhole, or service box, the service outlets are to be located as closely together as practicable.
 - b) Where more than one meter is required to serve separate buildings or groups of buildings, the company will bill each meter according to the appropriate rate schedule and will not group meters to eliminate facility or customer charges.
3. Member/Owner Attachments to Company Facilities
 - a) Only authorized employees of the company will be permitted to connect a member/owner's service to, or disconnect the same from the company's electric line.
 - b) Member/Owner installations on any company primary voltage structure shall be made by the company at the member/owner's expense. Companies or persons approved by the company may also perform this work if attachments are pre-approved and in accordance with the company's specifications.
4. Meters and Associated Equipment
 - a) The company will, at its own expense, install a suitable meter on an applicant's premises in a location furnished by him/her and approved by the company, which location shall, at all reasonable times, be accessible for reading, testing and maintaining the meter. No rent or other charge shall be made by the applicant for

the use of this location.

- b) In multiple occupancy buildings where a number of meters are required to measure the electricity supplied, all meters will be located at a central point and each meter socket or panel will be clearly marked to indicate the particular location supplied through it.
- c) All meters will be sealed by the company at the time of installation and no seal shall be altered or broken except by one of its authorized employees.
- d) All service switches, meter sockets, cutouts, and similar devices, irrespective of voltage and required by law in connection with a service and meter installation on a member/owner's premises, shall be furnished and installed by the member/owner.

B. Ownership & Maintenance

1. Member Owned Equipment

- a) All such materials and equipment installed by the member/owner on company-owned poles shall remain the member/owner's property, in conformity with all applicable laws of the governing authority having jurisdiction thereof, and shall be so maintained at members/owners expense.
- b) All underground services and facilities furnished and installed on the load side of the point of interconnection by the member/ owner shall become the property of the member/owner and shall be maintained by him/her at his/her expense. The company will maintain member/owner's facilities when requested and, as time is available at the member/owner's expense. No rent or other charge whatsoever shall be made by the member/owner against the company for placing or maintaining transformers, meters and other facilities upon the member/owner's premises. The member/owner shall exercise reasonable care to prevent the facilities of the company on said premises from being damaged or destroyed and shall refrain from interfering with the same and in case of any defect therein is discovered, shall notify the company thereof.

2. Company Owned Equipment

The service wires, meters, and associated equipment furnished by the company up to the point of interconnection at its own expense or customer's expense as defined in Rule #9 and located wholly or partially upon a member/owner's premises will at all times be and remain the property of the company which shall have the right to repair or replace them at any time, or to remove them after service to the member/owner has been discontinued.

The company will be responsible for the maintenance of its own property only, and the member/owner shall be responsible for the maintenance of all other required for the receipt of electric energy from the company.

C. Inspection of Member/Owner's Installations

1. Where the inspection of wiring by any governing body is required by ordinance, the company is not permitted to furnish service until it receives a certificate signed by the proper inspecting official, except when it is amply established as a matter of law, which mandatorily requires written approval of all plans and specifications by the State Planning Board, then no certificate of inspection is required. All of member/owner's wiring shall be done in accordance with the National Electric Code as may be modified by local ordinance.
2. Company reserves the right, but does not assume the duty, to inspect member/owner's installation at any time. The member/owner's installation includes all wiring and equipment (except company's meter installation) on the member/owner's side of the point of interconnection of company's electrical energy.

D. Right of Access

The company will, at all reasonable times, have the right of access to a member/owner's premises for any purpose normally connected with the furnishing of electrical energy and the exercise of the right secured to it by law or by these rules.

E. Responsibility for Loss or Damage

The company will not be responsible for any loss or damage caused by any negligence or wrongful act of a member/owner or member/owner's authorized representatives in installing, maintaining or operating the receiving facilities or utilizing equipment for which electric energy is being supplied.