

Rule No. 18

METER TESTS AND ADJUSTMENT OF BILLS FOR METER ERROR

A. Tests on Customer Request

1. Compliance by Utility

The utility will within one week after request by a customer proceed to test the meter serving the customer's premises, except where service is rendered from open conduits such test may be deferred for a reasonable length of time when it would necessitate the interruption of service to any other customer. Such test of meters, other than displacement meters for which standards of accuracy are established in Rule No. 17, Measurement of Service, will consist of an acceptable method of verifying the accuracy of the meter.

2. Charge for Test

No charge will be made for the test of a meter made at the request of a customer, except where a customer requests a test within six months after installation of the meter or more often than once a year, in which cases the customer shall be required to deposit with the utility the following amount to cover the cost of each such test:

<u>Size of Meter</u>	<u>Amount of Deposit</u>
One inch or smaller	\$.200
Larger than one inch.....	3.50

3. Test Procedure

Every meter tested at the request of a customer will be tested in the condition as found in the customer's service prior to any alteration or adjustment in order to determine the average meter error. This test will consist of testing at the three rates of flow as determined in Rule No. 17 under "Accuracy Requirements of Water Meters", and in addition, at twice the minimum test flow. The average meter error will be considered to be the algebraic average of the errors of the three highest test flows.

4. Return of Deposit

Any deposit made under paragraph 2, above, will be returned to the customer if the average meter error is found to be more than 2%

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