

**Rule No. 16**

**SERVICE CONNECTIONS, METERS, AND CUSTOMER'S FACILITIES**

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A. General

2. a. (3) Where service is rendered at or near the service area boundary for use beyond the service area, install, operate, and maintain the facilities necessary to provide service.

b. The customer's piping shall extend to that point on the curb line or property line of easiest access to the utility from its existing distribution system or requiring the least extension of the existing distribution main. The utility shall be consulted before installation thereof and its approval of location secured.

3. Ownership and Absence of Rental Obligation  
Where Facilities are on Premises of Customer

a. The service pipe, curb stop, meter, and meter box furnished by or on behalf of the utility and located wholly or partially upon a customer's premises are the property of the utility.

b. No rent or other charge will be paid by the utility where the utility owned service facilities are located on a customer's premises.

4. Access to Premises of Customer

a. The utility shall at all reasonable hours have access to meters, service connections, and other property owned by it which may be located on customer's premises for purposes of installation, maintenance, operation, or removal of the property at the time service is to be terminated. The customer's system should be open for inspection at all reasonable times to authorized representatives of the utility.

b. Any inspection work or recommendations made by the utility or its agents in connection with plumbing or appliances or any use of water on the customer's premises, either as a result of a complaint or otherwise, will be made without charge.

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