

RULE NO. 6

RESPONSIBILITY FOR GAS EQUIPMENT

1. The Utility shall be responsible for the safe conduct and handling of the gas until it passes the point of delivery specified in this Tariff. Except as stated herein, the entire responsibility for the safe conduct, handling, and utilization of the gas after it passes the point of delivery shall be that of the customer, the customer shall pay to the Utility the costs of repairing or replacing such property.
2. Although the Utility assumes no responsibility for the safe upkeep or operating conditions of any customer's service line downstream of the point of delivery, including the house piping, fixtures or appliances, the Utility may refuse to turn on the gas to any customer's premises until all the customer's pipelines and appliances have been tested and found to be tight, safe and free from leaks and in good, safe, operating condition. Such proof, if requested by the Utility, shall be in the form of a certificate executed by a licensed plumber or by the local municipal gas inspector, certifying that such pipes and appliances have been tested and found to be tight, safe, free from leaks and ready for use. After the gas has been turned on, the Utility may also, though it shall not be obligated to do so, test the customer's pipes and appliances for leakage at any reasonable hour. Whenever leakage is found in any such test, the Utility reserves the right to refuse or discontinue service until such leakage is properly corrected.
3. Immediate notice shall be given to the Utility by the customer of any gas escaping on the customer's premises. Under no circumstances shall the Utility be charged with construction notice of defects in piping, equipment and/or appliances (other than the meter, service cock, regulator, and other facilities installed by the Utility) from the point of delivery specified in this Tariff. Upon receipt of notice of escaping gas, the Utility shall, as promptly as may be feasible under the circumstances, send one of its representatives to investigate the matter. If the leakage is found to be caused by any of the Utility's facilities, the Utility shall have the right to temporarily discontinue service until the leakage can be corrected. In the event the leakage is found to be caused by facilities for the upkeep of which the customer is responsible, the Utility shall have the right to discontinue service until such time as the leakage is corrected through proper changes, adjustments and/or repairs.