

(b) Each employee who would respond to a gas emergency shall have adequate training in the proper procedures for handling gas emergencies, including but not limited to emergency shutdown procedures.

R.1974 d.87, effective April 1, 1974.
See: 5 N.J.R. 122(a), 6 N.J.R. 201(d).

14:6-2.14 Training

Each gas company employee shall be adequately trained for the job to which he is assigned and shall have adequate knowledge of the characteristics and hazards of natural gas.

R.1974 d.87, effective April 1, 1974.
See: 5 N.J.R. 122(a), 6 N.J.R. 201(d).

14:6-2.15 Drug testing; incorporation by reference of Federal regulations

(a) The Board hereby adopts, by reference, as though set out in full, the current edition (and amendments as issued) of Drug Testing, Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 199 (Federal Code).

(b) Each gas company employee, as defined in Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 199, shall be tested for the presence of prohibited drugs and shall be provided with an employee assistance program as required by Title 49, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 199.

New Rule, R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

SUBCHAPTER 3. METERS

14:6-3.1 Testing of gas meters

Each gas utility shall provide itself with equipment necessary for testing meters that are either in use or in inventory. Utilities may cooperate in arranging for such facilities. A bell type prover shall be set up permanently in the location where it is to be used. All provers will be calibrated according to ANSI B109. Whenever a utility calibrates a prover, the calibration shall be witnessed and approved by the Board. Whenever a manufacturer calibrates a prover, the calibration shall be verified and approved by the Board. Each prover will be furnished an inspection and approval tag by the Board.

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

Bell-type provers calibrated to ANSI B109 required.
Amended by R.1996 d.411, effective September 3, 1996.
See: 28 N.J.R. 2830(a), 28 N.J.R. 4106(a).

14:6-3.2 Periodic meter testing

No gas utility shall allow a gas meter to remain in service for a period longer than 10 years, except where a sampling program has been established in accordance with ANSI

B109 and approved by the Board. Meters shall neither remain in service after testing nor be placed in service if the meters are outside the adjustment limits in accordance with ANSI B109. For any group of meters in a sampling program to remain in service, at least 80 percent of the meters in the sample tested must be within the accuracy limits of 98 percent (two percent error slow) to 102 percent (two percent error fast) at the low flow (check) rate, with no more than 10 percent of the meters exceeding 102 percent (two percent error fast). If a group of meters does not meet the performance standard, then corrective action shall be taken.

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).
Testing standards completely revised.

14:6-3.3 Determination of gas meter accuracy

A gas meter shall be considered correct if it, when passing gas at the flow rates of 20 to 35 percent of its rated capacity, shows in comparison with a standard gas prover, an error which is not greater than two percent.

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).
Flow rate of 20 to 35 percent used to test.

Case Notes

Customers not entitled to be billed on basis of 1,136 ccf of gas usage, rather than 11,136 ccf, for eight year period. *Thomas v. New Jersey Natural Gas Company*, 93 N.J.A.R.2d (BRC) 145.

SUBCHAPTER 4. UNIFORM SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTS

14:6-4.1 Adoption by reference of the Uniform System of Accounts

The Board adopts by reference the Uniform System of Accounts for Classes A and B Gas Utilities that have been promulgated by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission as well as all present and subsequent amendments, revisions, deletions and corrections which the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission may adopt insofar as they relate to gas utilities subject to the jurisdiction of the Board and are in accordance with the Board's policies and procedures.

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.
See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).
Stylistic changes.

14:6-4.2 Adoption by reference of rules concerning preservation of records; gas utilities

(a) The "Regulations to Govern the Preservation of Records of Electric, Gas and Water Utilities" promulgated and published in April 1972 by the National Association of Regulatory Utility Commissioners, and all subsequent amendments thereto, are adopted by reference as the rules

of the Board governing the preservation and destruction of records for all classes of electric, gas and water utilities subject to its jurisdiction and as a supplement to its uniform system of accounts for all classes of electric, gas and water utilities.

(b) Copies of the full text of these rules are available for examination in the Board's offices at Two Gateway Center, Newark, New Jersey 07102, and are included in the case files in these dockets. Copies of these rules may be purchased through the Secretary of the Board.

R.1972 d.181, effective September 18, 1972.

See: 4 N.J.R. 241(b).

Public Notice: Change of address.

See: 19 N.J.R. 890(a).

Amended by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991.

See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

Source of copies changed.

Amended by R.1996 d.411, effective September 3, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2830(a), 28 N.J.R. 4106(a).

SUBCHAPTER 5. MASTER METER SYSTEMS

14:6-5.1 Scope

Unless otherwise ordered or permitted by the Board of Public Utilities, the following rules shall apply to the inspection and operation of all master meter systems.

Amended by R.1996 d.411, effective September 3, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2830(a), 28 N.J.R. 4106(a).

14:6-5.2 Definitions

The following words and terms when used in this subchapter shall have the following meanings unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Board" means the Board of Public Utilities.

"Federal Code" means the Federal Pipeline Safety Code, 49 CFR 192.

"Master meter system" means any underground gas pipeline system operated by a residential or commercial customer of a New Jersey gas utility which is utilized for the distribution of gas to ultimate consumers within, but not limited to, a definable area, such as a mobile home park, a housing project or an apartment complex, where the operator purchases metered gas from a public utility for resale through the operator's distribution system which is beyond the control of the utility. The ultimate consumers served by the operator's distribution system will subsequently purchase the gas directly through a meter or by other means, such as through rents.

Amended by R.1996 d.411, effective September 3, 1996.

See: 28 N.J.R. 2830(a), 28 N.J.R. 4106(a).

14:6-5.3 Service to master meter systems

After June 7, 1994, no gas utility in this State shall provide gas service to any newly developed master meter system as defined in N.J.A.C. 14:6-5.2.

14:6-5.4 Inspection and compliance

(a) Except as provided in (b) and (c) below, after June 7, 1994, no gas utility in this State shall continue to provide gas service to any residential or commercial master meter system unless the utility is provided by the owner or operator of the master meter system with an annual certification, on a form, supplied by the Board, reflecting Federal Code specifications, from a licensed professional engineer, that the system has been inspected within the last six months and that it complies with all applicable safety requirements. The owner or operator may request from the servicing utility a list of those licensed professional engineers known to the utility who are qualified to perform such services. A copy of such certification shall be submitted to the Board by the owner or operator. In the event that the owner or operator can demonstrate that the services of a licensed professional engineer could not be obtained after utilization of the list provided by the utility, then, alternatively, the owner or operator of the master meter system may make arrangements with the servicing utility to provide the required inspection and certification at the expense of the owner or operator.

(b) If the results of the inspection reveal that the master meter system does not satisfy the requirements of the Federal Code, the owner or operator of the system shall furnish the utility, in the event that the utility did not perform the inspection, and the Board with a copy of the inspection report and shall submit a detailed plan of action to bring the system into compliance with the requirements of the Federal Code within 12 months. The owner or operator shall submit to the utility proof of compliance with the requirements of the Federal Code within the 12 month period. A copy of such compliance shall be forwarded to the Board by the owner or operator. Should the inspection uncover a condition that constitutes an immediate safety hazard, the owner or operator shall immediately notify the servicing utility. Until repairs can be made to the system that will either sufficiently abate or eliminate the hazardous condition, service to the system may be subject to discontinuance as provided in N.J.A.C. 14:3-3.6a3x.

(c) If the owner or operator of the master meter system does not comply with (a) and (b) above, the owner or operator shall attempt to arrange with the utility to take over the master meter system and make corrections to bring the system into compliance with all applicable safety standards at the expense of the owner or operator. If such an arrangement cannot be effected within one year, the utility shall promptly petition the Board for permission, upon notice and hearing, to discontinue service to the master meter system.