

**CHAPTER 6
GAS SERVICE**

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In accordance with N.J.S.A. 52:14B-5.1b, Chapter 6, Gas Service, expires on January 19, 2014. See: 43 N.J.R. 1203(a).

Chapter Historical Note

Chapter 6, Gas Service, was adopted and became effective prior to September 1, 1969.

Pursuant to Executive Order 66(1978), Chapter 6, Gas Service, expired on March 3, 1991. See: 18 N.J.R. 486(a).

Chapter 6, Gas Service, was adopted as new rules by R.1991 d.456, effective September 3, 1991. See: 23 N.J.R. 944(a), 23 N.J.R. 2652(a).

Subchapter 5, Master Meter Systems, was adopted as R.1993 d.247, effective June 7, 1993. See: 24 N.J.R. 4494(a), 25 N.J.R. 2490(a).

Pursuant to Executive Order No. 66(1978), Chapter 6, Gas Service, was readopted as R.1996 d.411, effective August 7, 1996. See: 28 N.J.R. 2830(a), 28 N.J.R. 4106(a).

Chapter 6, Gas Service, was readopted as R.2001 d.306, effective August 1, 2001. As part of R.2001 d.306, effective September 4, 2001, Subchapter 1, Plant, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 14:6-2; Subchapter 1, Scope, was adopted as new rules; Subchapter 2, Service, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 14:6-3; Subchapter 3, Meters, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 14:6-4; Subchapter 4, Uniform System of Accounts, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 14:6-5; and Subchapter 5, Master Meter Systems, was recodified as N.J.A.C. 14:6-6. See: 33 N.J.R. 1891(a), 33 N.J.R. 3041(a).

Subchapter 7, Protecting High Pressure Natural Gas Meters from Vehicular and Other Damage, was adopted as new rules by R.2006 d.382, effective November 6, 2006. See: 38 N.J.R. 465(a), 38 N.J.R. 4721(b).

Chapter 6, Gas Service, was readopted as R.2007 d.63, effective January 19, 2007. As a part of R.2007 d.63, Subchapter 1, Scope, was renamed General Provisions, effective February 20, 2007. See: Source and Effective Date. See, also, section annotations.

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SUBCHAPTER 1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

14:6-1.1 Scope

(a) This chapter shall apply to:

1. Gas public utilities, as that term is defined in N.J.S.A. 48:2-13;
2. Non-utility operators of gas pipelines and underground gas facilities;
3. Excavators; and
4. Owners or operators of gas master meter systems.

Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).
Rewrote the section.

14:6-1.2 Definitions

The following words and terms, when used in this chapter, shall have the following meanings, unless the context clearly indicates otherwise. Additional definitions that apply to this chapter can be found at N.J.A.C. 14:3-1.1.

“Distribution system” means mains, services, and equipment that carry or control the supply of natural gas from the point of local supply to and include including the outlet of the gas meter.

“Insufficient level of odorant” means a level of odorant that does not comply with 49 CFR §192.625, which is incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented.

“Interruptible” means a classification of energy service from schedules or contracts under which, a seller is not expressly obligated to deliver specific energy units within a given time period, and that anticipates and permits interruption on short notice, or service under schedules or contracts that expressly or impliedly require installation of equipment to allow use of an alternative fuel.

“Operator qualified” means a person who has met the operator qualifications at 49 CFR Part 192, Subpart N.

“Pipeline” shall have the same meaning as in 49 CFR §192.3, incorporated herein by reference and as amended and supplemented.

“Prover” means a device used to measure the quantity of natural gas flowing through a gas meter and to determine the accuracy of the gas meter.

“Renewed service line” means a natural gas service line that exists as of February 20, 2007, which is either partially replaced or replaced in its entirety.

“Service line” shall have the same meaning as in 49 CFR §192.3, incorporated herein by reference and as amended and supplemented.

“Utilization performance” means the performance expected from natural gas appliances supplied with pipeline quality gas.

New Rule, R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.
See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).

SUBCHAPTER 2. PLANT**14:6-2.1 Plant construction**

(a) All entities that are subject to this chapter shall ensure that construction and installation of plants and facilities comply with all of the following:

1. N.J.A.C. 14:3-2.1 (Plant construction);

2. N.J.A.C. 14:3-2.2 (Inspection of work performed by contractors);

3. All requirements of this subchapter for plant operation, including design, maintenance, security requirements, and operator training; and

4. All operator qualification requirements detailed in 49 CFR Part 192, Subpart N, which is incorporated by reference herein, including all amendments and appendices.

(b) All of the entities that are subject to this chapter shall comply with all applicable provisions of the following Federal regulations, which are incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented:

1. Transportation of Natural and Other Gas by Pipeline: Minimum Federal Safety Standards 49 CFR Part 192; and

2. Liquefied Natural Gas Facilities: Federal Safety Standards 49 CFR Part 193.

(c) Any such plant and its facilities which were designed and constructed prior to March 3, 1986 shall be subject to all the provisions of the Federal Code herein adopted by reference, including effective dates set forth in the Federal Code. When existing facilities are replaced, relocated or significantly altered, the siting, design and construction requirements of the Federal Code sections cited above in (b)1 and 2 shall apply.

(d) In addition to the other requirements of this chapter, the entities subject to this chapter shall comply with all applicable provisions of the 2003 ICC International Fuel Gas Code, which is incorporated herein by reference, as amended and supplemented, and is available at www.constructionbook.org. However, if there is any conflict between (b) above and the International Fuel Gas Code, (b) above shall govern.

Amended by R.1986 d.46, effective March 3, 1986.

See: 17 N.J.R. 2740(a), 18 N.J.R. 486(a).

Added (b)-(e).

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.

Petition for Rulemaking.

See: 31 N.J.R. 3537(d).

Amended by R.2001 d.306, effective September 4, 2001.

See: 33 N.J.R. 1891(a), 33 N.J.R. 3041(a).

Deleted former (d) and recodified former (e) as new (d).

Amended by R.2007 d.63, effective February 20, 2007.

See: 38 N.J.R. 3245(a), 39 N.J.R. 663(a).

Rewrote (a), (b) and (d).

14:6-2.2 Tests of service

Each gas utility shall perform a leak test in accordance with 49 CFR Part 192, Subpart J, on each new or renewed service line that is installed after February 20, 2007, prior to activating or restoring service to a customer.

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.