

6. Location of Service Equipment

- 6.1 General:** Under normal conditions an outdoor location is required. Meter locations are agreed upon by the Customer and the Company, subject to final approval by the Company.

An acceptable meter location shall be free of any conditions detrimental to the metering equipment, and such location shall not create a hazard or inconvenience. The Customer shall maintain at least three (3) feet of unobstructed space in front of the meter, and such space shall be free of any source of ignition or heat which may damage the meter or related equipment. The Company may require the Customer to provide, at the Customer's expense, suitable protective equipment for the meter or exposed service riser.

Where more than one Customer is to be supplied, each meter shall be readily accessible to the Customer served by it and to the Company. The fuel lines shall be so installed that the meters may be grouped at one location.

In the event it becomes necessary to change an existing service entrance or meter installation the location shall conform to these rules except that existing indoor meters may remain indoors.

- 6.11 Outdoor Location:** An outdoor location is generally required for meter installations not exceeding six (6) meters.

Space shall be provided for meters, regulators and service risers clear of all obstructions such as shutters, doors and rainpouts, and so that the placement of shrubbery, flower beds and gardens will not interfere with meter installation, servicing, or reading. **In no event shall meter equipment extend beyond the Customer's property line.**

- 6.12 Indoor Location:** Where in the Company's judgment an outdoor location is impractical, or where more than six (6) meters are to be supplied from a single delivery point, the meter(s) may be installed indoors at a location free of moisture and extremes of temperature, but not in bath or toilet rooms, bedrooms, closets or restaurant kitchens, nor over doors, stoves, sinks, oil tanks, sump pump or other obstructions which make access difficult for installation, servicing or reading. Where an indoor location is permitted for multiple meters at a single delivery point, the Customer provides and maintains a suitable meter room at the Customer's expense.

Indoor meters shall be located in the basement or at first floor (ground) level at the point where the service enters the building.