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## A. Location

- Each Customer will provide without charge to the Company a suitable location for the meters and metering equipment to be installed by the Company. The Company will have the right to determine where its meters and metering equipment will be located on the Customer's premises. The meters and metering equipment must be located to allow reasonable access by the Company's employees or agents. The meters and metering equipment will not be set nor allowed in a place where there is a likelihood of damage. If the Company requires a relocation of its meters and metering equipment to satisfy the conditions contained in this provision, the Customer shall provide for such relocation at its expense.
- 2. Any additional metering desired by the Customer, whether for customer use or use by another service provider, will be installed in addition to and separate from the Company's required metering. In order to ensure the safety of the Customer, the Company and third parties, any metering equipment not belonging to the Company will be installed at the Customer's expense as separate, distinct and after the Company's metering equipment. The Company is not responsible for any injuries to person(s) or property arising from, caused by, or incident to the failure on the part of the Customer to properly install, operate or maintain the Customer's metering equipment, or for any defects therein. Any metering at the Customer's location, that is in addition to the Company's metering, will in no circumstance be used in the billing of Company services.
- 3. Any Customer or its AGS that desires an hourly meter may choose to have the Company install such equipment or may otherwise provide for hourly metering at the Customer's or its AGS's expense. If the meter is not installed by the Company, the meter must meet the qualifications of and be approved by the Company prior to installation. Should the Customer change service locations, the Customer may be entitled to a credit at the new service location for equipment installed at previous service location.

### B. Installation

1. The Company will install no more than one meter or one unified set of meters and metering equipment for one class of service for each Customer, at one delivery point as required to provide the contracted customer services. The meters and metering equipment

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furnished and installed by the Company will at all times remain the property of the Company. Former Power Rate P-1 Customers who were also served under the General Service Rate may retain presently installed multiple metering at the same premises, provided however, that such metering shall not be combined for billing purposes.

- 2. All locations provided for meters and metering equipment installations will be subject to the approval of the Company and will conform to the National Electrical Safety Code, any other codes and regulations in effect in the area served and the standards contained in the latest revision of the Company's electric booklet entitled "Service Handbook", copies of which are available at any of the Company's offices and on the Company's website.
- 3. All meter and metering equipment installations will be sealed by the Company. Unless otherwise provided herein, if the Customer breaks the Company's seals, the Company may discontinue service to the Customer.
- 4. The type of meter and metering equipment installation will be determined by the size and character of the Customer's load, its location, and the type of service to be rendered. These meters and metering equipment will be determined by the Company as required to provide for contracted services.
- 5. DP&L will provide a Customer or its AGS with access to meter information at no charge. The Customer or its AGS must reimburse DP&L for the costs of installing such information gathering equipment. If DP&L is requested to process the information then it will charge its costs therefor.
- C. Advanced Meter Opt Out Service

Residential customers may choose to opt out of the installation of an advanced meter capable of two way communication and retain a traditional meter. The Advanced Meter Opt Out Service ("Opt Out Service") will include provisions for residential customers who are to have an advanced meter installed and those who already have an advanced meter and wish to have it removed.

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- 1. Residential customers that elect to receive Opt Out Service under this tariff shall be assessed a monthly charge for obtaining actual meter readings. The Opt Out Service will be subject to Section 4901:1-10-05(I)(1), Ohio Administrative Code.
- 2. Residential customers that already have an advanced meter installed and wish to take Opt Out Service, will be billed a one-time charge for the installation of a traditional meter in addition to the monthly charge for manual meter readings.
- 3. All charges assessed for the Opt Out Service are subject to approval by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio.

The Company may refuse to provide Opt Out Service in either of the following circumstances:

- 1. If such a service creates a safety hazard to consumers or their premises, the public, or the electric utility's personnel or facilities.
- 2. If a customer does not allow the electric utility's employees or agents access to the meter at the customer's premises.

The charge to remove an advanced meter for this service and install a traditional, noncommunicating, meter is \$0. In addition, Opt-out customers will receive a monthly customer charge of \$0.

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