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RULE TITLE: Meter Accuracy at Installation
RULE NO.: 25-7.063

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment is to improve meter accuracy. The effect will be to have a more cost efficient test to determine the accuracy of new meters at the time they are installed and to reduce the limits that meters may be fast or slow to one percent.

It was also determined that of the meters that failed to meet accuracy limits most had suffered apparent damage. That is why the proposed rule requires an operator to perform a random test of 10 percent of any meter shipment that arrives with apparent damage.

SUMMARY: This rule change prohibits the installation of a meter that has been tested and found to be more than 1 percent slow rather than the 2 percent slow and further removes the requirement for investor-owned gas utilities to perform a random test of 10 percent of all new meters. The proposed rule requires

APP that if damage is apparent on any shipment of new meters, a 10
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CMP percent sampling must be performed to assure the damage has not
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CTR detrimentally changed the meter accuracy of the shipment as a
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statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days of this notice.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 366.05(1), FS

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.05(1), FS

WRITTEN COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS ON THE PROPOSED RULE MAY BE SUBMITTED TO THE FPSC, DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE FOR INCLUSION IN THE RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING.

IF REQUESTED WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE, A HEARING WILL BE SCHEDULED AND ANNOUNCED AT A LATER DATE.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

Director of Appeals, Florida Public Service Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0862, (850) 413-6245.

THE FULL TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE IS:

25-7.063 Meter Accuracy at Installation.

(1) A new gas meter shall be within plus or minus 1 ~~not more than one percent of accuracy~~ to be ~~(1%) fast and not more than two percent (2%) slow~~ when installed for customer use.

Manufacturers' test data may be used if there is no indication of damage to the meters resulting from the shipping process. If damage is apparent, in order for the manufacturers' test data to be used, a random representative sample of not less than a minimum of ten 10 percent (10%) of the new meters in the damaged

shipment shall be have been tested and found to be insure they are within accuracy limits. If any meter of the sample is found not to be within accuracy limits, the entire shipment must be tested, and where necessary, the meters adjusted to within the plus or minus 1 percent accuracy limits.

(2) Every meter removed from service when opened for repairs shall be adjusted to be not more than ~~one~~ 1 percent (~~1%~~) fast ~~and not more than two~~ or 1 percent (~~2%~~) slow before being reset. ~~7~~ ~~and if~~ If not opened for repairs, the meter may be reset without adjustment if found to be not more than 1 ~~two~~ percent (~~2%~~) ~~in error~~ fast or not more than 1 percent slow provided the meter is otherwise in good condition.

(3) ~~(2)~~ No meter may ~~shall~~ be installed unless it has been tested within the previous 12 months and found to be within the accuracy-limits ~~prescribed in (1) of~~ established by this rule. ~~within a period no longer than twelve (12) months previous to the date of installation.~~

Specific Authority: 366.05(1), F.S.

Law Implemented: 366.05(1), F.S.

History--Repromulgated 01-08-75, 05-04-75, Amended 02-13-84, formerly 25-7.63.

NAME OF PERSON ORIGINATING PROPOSED RULE: C. Edward Mills

NAME OF SUPERVISOR OR PERSONS WHO APPROVED THE PROPOSED RULE:

Florida Public Service Commission.

DATE PROPOSED RULE APPROVED: February 20, 2001

DATE NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT PUBLISHED IN FAW: Volume
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