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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY (Rule 0).

These rules are adopted under the general legal authority of the Public Utilities Law, chapters 1 through 7, Title 61, Idaho Code, and the specific authority of sections 61-301, 61-302, 61-303, 61-315, 61-503, 61-507, and 61-520, Idaho Code, with regard to service. (7-1-93)

001. TITLE AND SCOPE (Rule 1).

The name of this chapter is "Master-Metering Rules for Electric Utilities." This chapter has the following scope: All electric utilities are required to abide by these rules defining when and under what circumstances their customers may master-meter tenants of the customer. (7-1-93)

002. WRITTEN INTERPRETATIONS OR GUIDELINES (Rule 2).

For rulemakings conducted before July 1, 1993, written interpretations to these rules in the form of explanatory comments accompanying the order of proposed rulemaking and review of comments submitted in the order adopting these rules are maintained in the files of the Secretary of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and are available from the office of the Commission Secretary. The Commission Secretary may be contacted in writing at the Idaho Public Utilities Commission, Statehouse, Boise, Idaho 83720-6000, or may be reached by telephone at (208) 334-0300. For rulemakings conducted after July 1, 1993, written interpretations to these rules in the form of explanatory comments accompanying the notice of proposed rulemaking that originally proposed the rules and review of comments submitted in the rulemaking decision adopting these rules are published in the issues of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin proposing or adopting the rules. (7-1-93)

003. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS (Rule 3).

There are no administrative appeals under these rules because they are not procedural rules. If an issue should arise calling for a proceeding to apply these rules, that proceeding would be conducted under the Commission's Rules of Procedure, IDAPA 31.01.01.000 et seq. (7-1-93)

004. PUBLIC RECORDS ACT COMPLIANCE (Rule 4).

All correspondence with regard to these rules is a public record subject to inspection, examination and copying, unless it is an investigatory record under section 9-337(4), Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

005. DEFINITIONS (Rule 5).

As used in these rules: (7-1-93)

01. Electric Utility. Electric utility or utility means an "electrical corporation" as defined by statute in chapter 1, Title 61, Idaho Code, and orders of the Idaho Public Utilities Commission and decisions of the Supreme Court of Idaho construing those statutes. (7-1-93)

02. Tenant--Mobile Home Park. A tenant of a mobile home park is a person defined as a tenant and not a transient by the Mobile Home Park Tenant Act, section 55-2001 et seq., Idaho Code, and in particular by section 55-2003(4) and -(5), Idaho Code. (7-1-93)

03. Tenant--Multi-Unit Residential or Commercial Building. A tenant of a multi-unit residential building is a person who is not a transient and who intends to reside in or be a commercial tenant in one of the building's units for a period not less than one month. (7-1-93)

006. CITATION (Rule 6).

The official citation of these rules is IDAPA 31.26.01.000 et seq. For example, this rule is cited as IDAPA 31.26.01.006. In documents submitted to the Commission or issued by the Commission, however, these rules may be cited by their short title of Master-Metering Rules (MMR) and the parenthetical rule number. For example, this rule may be cited as MMR 6. (7-1-93)

007. EFFECTIVE DATE--HISTORY OF RULES (Rule 7).

The Commission adopted predecessors to these rules in 1980. They were most recently codified at IDAPA 31.C.10. They were readopted and reformatted by rulemaking decision in docket number 16-2601-9301, effective July 1, 1993. The history of rulemaking proceedings preceding the initiation of the publishing of the Idaho Administrative Bulletin and the Idaho Administrative Code is available from the Commission Secretary. (7-1-93)

008. -- 100. (RESERVED).

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Rules For Electric Utilities**

101. MASTER-METERING AND INDIVIDUAL METERING IN MOBILE HOME PARKS (Rule 101).

01. Parks Metered After July 1, 1980. Tenants (excluding transients) of mobile home parks connected for service after July 1, 1980, must be individually metered by the electric utility serving the mobile home park. Master-metering of these tenants, whether or not in conjunction with sub-metering by the park operator, is prohibited. (7-1-93)

02. Exception for Sub-Metered Parks. Mobile home parks whose spaces for tenants (excluding transients) have been fully sub-metered for electricity by the park owners need not be individually metered by the electric utility supplying the park. Mobile home parks sub-metered by the park operator must charge each of their tenants the same rate for electric service that a residential customer of the utility serving the park would charge the tenant if the tenant were directly metered and billed by the utility. Testing of submeters shall be the park operator's expense. (7-1-93)

03. Transition Rule for Sub-Metered Parks. Mobile home parks that were partially sub-metered on July 1, 1980, must individually meter all spaces to be used by non-transient tenants before January 1, 1981. At the option of the park operator, the operator may extend an existing sub-metering system to those spaces not metered by the operator or may request the utility providing service to the park to meter the unmetered spaces for non-transient tenants at the utility's expense. (7-1-93)

04. Utility Payment for Reading Sub-Meters. The utility supplying electricity to sub-metered parks shall pay the park operator one dollar and fifteen cents (\$1.15) per month per sub-metered occupied customer space. The utility will only pay one dollar and fifteen cents \$1.15 per month per space that is occupied during the month. (7-1-93)

05. List of Grandfathered Mobile Home Parks. The electric utility shall file with the Commission a list of "grandfathered" mobile home operators who are entitled to a payment for sub-metered occupied customer spaces. Each month, the owner-operator will certify to the utility the number of spaces that were occupied during the month. The utility will have the right to request from the owner-operator reasonable documentation of any customer account provided to the utility. (7-1-93)

102. MASTER-METERING AND INDIVIDUAL METERING IN MULTI-OCCUPANT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (Rule 102).

No multi-occupant residential buildings shall be master-metered for electric service after July 1, 1980, if the dwelling units for nontransient tenants contain an electric space heating, water heating, or air-conditioning (space cooling) unit that is not centrally controlled and for which the dwelling unit's tenants individually control electric usage. (7-1-93)

103. MASTER-METERING AND INDIVIDUAL METERING IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND SHOPPING CENTERS (Rule 103).

No unit of commercial buildings and shopping centers shall be master-metered for electric service after July 1, 1980, if the units for their tenants contain an electric space heating, water heating, or air-conditioning (space cooling) unit that is not centrally controlled and over which the unit's tenants individually control electric usage. Tenants in otherwise master-metered buildings whose electric load or who operate appliances whose electric load exceeds the individual metering threshold found in the utility's tariffs must be individually metered. (7-1-93)

104. TARIFFS PROHIBITING MASTER-METERING AUTHORIZED (Rule 104).

Electric utilities may file tariffs prohibiting master-metering and requiring individual metering in instances not required by these rules. If these tariffs require conversion from master-metering to individual metering of buildings master-metered on July 1, 1980, the utility shall bear all wiring costs between the meter and its distribution lines unless it reaches a contrary agreement with the affected persons. (7-1-93)

105. -- 999. (RESERVED).