

Truckee Meadows Water Authority

RULE 6

SERVICE AND METER FACILITIES

A. Applicability

1. This Rule defines the Application process, cost and installation responsibilities, and requirements for Persons requesting new Service or Modified Service for Service and Meter Facilities.
 - a. The application or the depositing of any sum of money by the Applicant shall not require the Authority to deliver water until the expiration of such time as may be reasonably required by the Authority to determine if Applicant has complied with the provisions of these Rules and Rate Schedules and as may reasonably be required by the Authority to install the required Service Facilities.
 - b. Customers applying for delivery of water for new Service or Modified Service must do so in person at Authority's business office during normal Business Hours.
2. Definitions. Terms not defined in this Section shall have the meaning set forth in Rule 1. As used in this Rule:
 - a. "Applicant" shall mean the Person applying for new Service or Modified Service for Services and Meter Facilities.
 - b. "Applicant Installed Services" shall include, but not be limited to the following Service and Meter Facilities that are required or approved by the Authority for installation by Applicant:
 - (1) Service Tap
 - (2) Service Pipe
 - (3) Meter Facilities
 - (4) Meter
 - (5) Yard Pipe including its size and location on the Service Property
 - ~~(6)~~ Fire Facilities
 - ~~(7)~~(6) Valves, Fittings, and other related facilities
 - ~~(8)~~(7) Trench and backfill requirements
 - ~~(9)~~(8) Removal and replacement of pavement
 - ~~(10)~~(9) Private booster pumps

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- ~~(11)~~(10) Pressure regulating valves
- ~~(12)~~(11) Thermal expansion devices
- ~~(13)~~(12) Required permits
- ~~(14)~~(13) Backflow prevention assembly(ies)
- ~~(15)~~(14) Authority inspection.

For purposes of this Rule, the term "Applicant Installed Services" shall not include Fire Facilities.

B. Easements Access and Ownership of Facilities

1. Grant of Easement. The Authority may require an owner of a Service Property upon which new Service or Modified Service is requested to grant to the Authority, its successors and assigns an irrevocable easement upon and through said Service Property for installation, replacement, maintenance, operation and use of facilities required to provide delivery of water. Any such grant from the owner of the Service Property shall be deemed to be an easement running with the land, and shall bind his heirs and assigns. The grant shall be made in such form and on such terms as the Authority shall reasonably require and may be recorded by the Authority.
2. Right of Access. In addition to the grant of easement, the Authority will, at all reasonable times, have the right of access to Services and Meter Facilities for any purpose normally connected with the delivery of water and the exercise of the Authority's rights. Upon an Application and establishment of Service, an owner of a Service Property upon which Service is provided shall be deemed to grant to the Authority, its successors and assigns a right of access to the owner's Service Property for any purpose normally connected with the furnishing of Service, including without limitation for purposes of retrofitting or maintaining Service and Meter Facilities. Any termination of, or attempt to impede, Authority's right of access by Customer or the owner of the Service Property shall subject the Customer to Termination of Delivery of Water pursuant to Rule 3.
3. Access to Service and Meter Facilities. Only Authority employees or agents will be permitted to connect Service and Meter Facilities to or disconnect same from the Authority's Facilities.

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4. Ownership of Services and Facilities. All Services and Meter Facilities installed by an Applicant for the purpose of providing the delivery of water to a Customer are the property of the Authority ~~with the exception of Fire Facilities which are the property of the Customer~~. The Authority may repair or replace Services and Meter Facilities at any time and may remove them after delivery of water to Customer has been discontinued or terminated.
 - a. No charge whatsoever shall be made by Customer against the Authority for placing or maintaining Services and Meter Facilities upon the owner's Service Property.

C. Responsibilities of Applicant

1. Application and Processing. Applicant shall apply for new Service or Modified Service by filing an Application with the Authority. At the time of Application, the Applicant must pay appropriate fees for standard service options subject to Rate Schedule BSF. The Application shall be accompanied by sufficient information to allow the Authority to perform system planning, approve facility plans, and prepare estimates of any additional fees that the Applicant must advance to the Authority for the Authority's business services. The Authority shall not estimate the costs of Applicant Installed Services.
2. Applicant Installed Services
 - a. The Applicant will provide and install all facilities, at Applicant's expense, required to provide the requested Service.
 - b. Applicant will be responsible for, but not limited to, all engineering design and related cost, permitting and other regulatory compliance and associated fees, environmental requirements and fees, property acquisition, right-of-way, material acquisition, bidding and contracting, construction and associated overhead costs of Applicant Installed Services.
 - c. Authority will, at Applicant's expense, perform planning, review and approve designs of Applicant Installed Services, inspect and approve Applicant Installed Services during construction, and to the extent necessary to acquire access rights for Applicant Installed Services, review and process right-of-way and property documents.
 - d. Applicant Installed Services work must be conducted in coordination with the Authority.
 - e. Applicant and/or Applicant's contractor must comply with the following conditions to install Applicant Installed Services:

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- (1) All design, plans, and specifications prepared by or for the Applicant will be at the Applicant's expense and will be approved by the Authority before construction can commence. If the Authority, in its sole discretion, determines that engineering design is required for a Service, Applicant's designs shall be prepared by or under the direction of and wet-stamped by a Professional Engineer registered in the State of Nevada in accordance with Nevada Law, including NAC 625.611.
- (2) All phases of the installation of Applicant Installed Services are subject to inspection and approval by the Authority at Applicant's expense.
- (3) The Applicant and/or Applicant's contractor must provide and install all material in accordance with the Authority's Standards or specifications. All material provided will be subject to acceptance by the Authority, based on inspections by the Authority at Applicant's expense.
- (4) The Applicant and/or Applicant's contractor must guarantee all material and workmanship against defects for one (1) year after the Service and/or Meter Facilities have been activated for billing purposes.
- (5) The Applicant shall commence installation of Applicant Installed Services in accordance with the Authority's Standards and shall apply best commercial efforts to complete the installation of the Applicant Installed Services in a timely manner.
- (6) Service Property owners and/or Customers are responsible for installation and maintenance of privately owned pressure regulators, pressure reducing valves, backflow prevention assembly(ies) or other devices as required. In accordance with the most current version of Authority Construction and Design Standards, Uniform Plumbing Code and Nevada Administrative Code (NAC), individual pressure reducing valves are required to be installed and maintained by the Service Property owner or Customer whenever Static Water Pressure exceeds 80 psi or when located within regulated or pumped pressure zones regardless of Static Water Pressure.

D. Responsibilities of the Authority

1. The Authority's responsibilities include the following:
 - a. Designate the location of the Service Connection and Meter.
 - b. Verify the size of Service and Meter Facilities to be installed, as specified by the Applicant's engineer, based upon procedures outlined in the most current edition of the Uniform Plumbing Code which has been adopted by the governmental entity having jurisdiction over the project.

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- c. Provide, install, and maintain required Meter(s).
- d. Maintain Service from main to discharge side of the Meter Facilities including the Meter.
- e. Inspection of all Applicant Installed Services and Meter Facilities.
- f. Specify level of backflow protection and location of backflow prevention assembly(ies) required based on information provided by the Applicant. ~~In the event that the Service and Meter Facilities are to a single family Residential Service subject to the Authority's Standards, the Authority will maintain and inspect the required backflow protection on an annual basis and the Customer will be charged pursuant to Authority's Rate Schedule RMWS.~~

E. Fire Facilities

1. Fire Facilities are not considered part of the Authority's public water system and the Authority shall not be responsible for designing, installing, owning or maintaining Fire Facilities. Fire Facilities for Private Fire Protection Service shall be owned and maintained by the Owner of the Service Property and Fire Facilities for Public Fire Protection shall be owned and maintained by the fire agency having jurisdiction over fire service to the Service Property unless otherwise agreed by Authority, in its sole discretion.
2. Applicant will be responsible for, but not limited to, all engineering design and related cost, permitting and other regulatory compliance and associated fees, environmental requirements and fees, property acquisition, right-of-way, material acquisition, bidding and contracting, construction and associated overhead costs of Fire Facilities. Applicant shall provide designs and specifications of Fire Facilities to Authority with designs for the Applicant Installed Facilities for review and approval as to connection to Authority facilities, backflow assembly(ies) and conformance with applicable Authority Standards. Authority shall have no obligation nor responsibility to review or approve the adequacy of Fire Facilities nor shall Authority's provision of Fire Protection Service be deemed as a review or approval of the design of Fire Facilities under applicable local fire and/or building code. Authority's responsibility with respect to the installation of Fire Facilities shall be limited to verification of installation and testing of backflow prevention facilities.
3. The Applicant will provide and install all Fire Facilities, at Applicant's expense, required to provide the requested Fire Protection Service. The fire agency having jurisdiction over Fire Facilities shall be responsible for inspecting and approving Fire Facilities and securing such approvals shall be the responsibility of the Applicant.
4. Where applicable, type and quality of material shall be selected by the Authority and/or the fire agency having jurisdiction over the Fire Facilities to be installed.

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5. The Applicant shall furnish the Authority with the required flow rate and duration of flow, location and orientation of Fire Facilities as determined by the fire agency having jurisdiction over the Applicant's project.
6. Authority will be responsible for inspecting and approving the initial installation of the backflow protection for compliance with Applicant's plans and Authority's Standards, and Applicant shall be responsible for all costs necessary to bring backflow protection devices into compliance with Authority's Standards including adding backflow protection devices to current Fire Facilities where applicable. Applicant shall be solely responsible for ensuring that, following installation of the required backflow protection assembly(ies), the Fire Facilities will operate in compliance with applicable building and fire code requirements of the fire agency having jurisdiction over fire service to Applicant's project.
7. Unless authorized by the Authority, Fire Facilities shall not be utilized for any purpose other than fire protection purposes.
8. All Fire Services with private booster pumps shall be designed and operated to minimize flow during fire system testing. If, in the sole discretion of Authority, test flows are deemed excessive, or wasteful, or detrimental to Authority's operations, the Applicant or subsequent Owner of the Service Property will be required to physically modify their Fire Facilities and/or testing procedures to eliminate excessive or wasteful flow. If modifications, in the sole discretion of Authority, do not sufficiently reduce excessive or wasteful flow, Applicant or subsequent Owner of the Service Property will be required to furnish and install, at Applicant's sole cost, a Meter and all flow through the Fire Service shall be billed by Authority. In addition, the Applicant or subsequent Owner of the Service Property may be required to dedicate sufficient water resources to support such excessive or wasteful flows. Applicant or subsequent Owner of the Service Property shall not make or allow any person to make any modifications to the Fire Facilities which compromise the fire requirements set forth by the fire agency having jurisdiction.

F. General Provisions

1. The Authority may require a separate Service and Meter Facility for each Service Classification and for each building on a Service Property where necessary for operation, maintenance or billing purposes of the Authority, including a Service Property created by subdividing the original Service Property subsequent to the initial delivery of water to the original Service Property. A suitable Meter shall be installed at each building and owners of Service Property with multiple occupancy units may request that separate Meters be installed for each unit. Such request shall be granted where feasible for the operating convenience of the Authority.
 - a. All Meters shall be sealed by the Authority at the time of installation and no seal shall be altered or broken by anyone other than the Authority's authorized employees. Customer shall be held responsible for the breaking of seals, tampering or interfering with metering equipment along with any and all costs for repair or replacement of Authority's Facilities, including any liability pursuant to NRS 704.800 and 704.805.

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~~2. The following conditions also apply for Public and Private Fire Protection Service:~~

- ~~a. Fire Facilities will be installed and/or altered to the requirements of the Authority and the Local Government having jurisdiction.~~
- ~~b. Maintenance of Fire Facilities for Private Fire Protection Service shall be the responsibility of the owner of the Service Property.~~
- ~~c. Where applicable, size, type, and type and quality of material shall be selected by the Authority and/or the Local Government having jurisdiction where the Fire Facilities are to be installed.~~
- ~~d. The Applicant shall furnish the Authority with the required flow rate and duration of flow, location and orientation of Fire Facilities as determined by the Local Government having jurisdiction over the Applicant's project.~~
- ~~e. Unless authorized by the Authority, Fire Facilities shall not be utilized for other than fire protection purposes.~~
- ~~g. If discovered, the Authority may, at Applicant's expense, without separation of the existing Fire Facilities, install a Meter of a type and design adequate to maintain proper fire flows and measure flows through the Service and bill this Service at the applicable Rate Schedule.~~

2. Water services capable of serving water to the property shall continue to be billed to the property with an active billing account regardless of water use. It is required that properties that contain both domestic and irrigation meter services, the irrigation meter must maintain the same billing status as the domestic meter.

32. Retirement of Service. The Applicant shall expose Authority's main and Service Tap in order to turn off the Service Tap valve, and sever and cap the Service Pipe as close to the Service Tap as possible in accordance with the most current version of Authority Construction and Design Standards unless otherwise approved by the Authority. The Applicant is responsible for the cost to retire the Service, which includes but is not limited to the following:

- a. Valves, fittings, and other related facilities
- b. Trench and backfill requirements
- c. Removal and replacement of pavement
- d. Required permits

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- e. Authority inspection

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