

Hibbing Public Utilities  
Policy Number: CUST008meterbases  
Date: October 11, 2016

**Subject: ELECTRIC METER BASES**

**Ownership of Meter Base**

The customer owns the meter base. Customers can purchase a meter base from the HPUC or from elsewhere provided the meter base meets HPUC specifications. The HPUC sells meter bases for use in own service territory only.

**Meter Base Specifications**

Meter bases must meet HPUC specifications as listed below. Meters will not be installed in meter bases that do not meet HPUC specifications.

- 1) **Residential:**  
Rated for 200 Amps  
Manufactured by Millbank or HPUC approved equal  
U.L. Approved  
Ringless Style  
Fully rated bypass lever with locking jaws required

Note: An underground meter base has knockouts on the bottom with no openings or covers on the top. An overhead meter base has a hub opening on the top of the base. The appropriate sized hub must also be provided with the meter base. The hub connects the conduit mast to the meter base.

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| 2) <b>Commercial:</b>  |  |
| <u>Rated for 20 Amps</u>   | <u>Rated for 200 Amps</u>                          |
| Manufacturer – Landis & Gyr<br>or Millbank or HPUC approved equal. | Manufacturer – Millbank or HPUC<br>approved equal. |
| U.L Approved   | U.L Approved                                       |
| Ringless Style   | Ringless Style                                     |
| Fully rated bypass lever required                                  | Bypass lever Required                              |

**Meter Base Installation**

- 1) Prior to installation of meter base, a completed (blue) copy of the *Request for Electrical Inspection* form must be on file at the HPUC. To arrange for installation, the customer is to make an appointment with the HPUC Service department to meet with the Line Crew Foreman. The Foreman will approve the planned meter base location.

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