

Subject: ELECTRIC METERS

Ownership of Meters

The HPUC owns the electric meter and plastic wire seal. Customers pay a deposit for the electric meter based on property ownership and other stipulations. See Meter Deposit, policy CUSTO10.

Customers are not permitted to remove the meter or the seal.

Number of Meters Allowed

- 1) Residential:
One single meter is allowed for residential electric service. The meter can be in the garage or in the house. The HPUC does not allow a separate meter for the garage unless it is a business where a demand meter is required.
- 2) Commercial:
 - a. Up to two meters are allowed for a commercial building if the electrical services are **not** the same voltage class.
 - b. A commercial building with 4 or more individual apartments can be metered by one meter for block billing, or by multiple meters to bill each apartment separately.
 - c. A commercial building with both business and residential space may have more than one meter to separate the business and residential billing. At minimum, 1 commercial meter will be installed.
 - d. A commercial building with one commercial meter may add a residential meter if that part of the building is wired separately and inspected by the State Electrical Inspector.
 - e. Meters for commercial buildings must be located in one accessible location near the electrical service entrance panel.

Outside Installation

- 1) The HPUC requires that the electric meter and meter base be installed **outside** for all new homes and existing homes that are installing new electrical service.
- 2) The meter must be mounted five feet above the ground on the house or garage or yard pole.