



Montana-Dakota Utilities Co.

A Division of MDU Resources Group, Inc.

400 N 4th Street
Bismarck, ND 58501

State of Wyoming Gas Rate Schedule

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The policy of Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. for testing meters pursuant to Rules of the Wyoming Public Service Commission, Chapter IV Section 407, is as follows:

1. This meter test schedule shall not apply to meters with leather diaphragms and to meters of 1000 cubic feet per hour or greater capacity. Such meters shall continue to be tested and adjusted or repaired, if necessary, at a periodic interval of at least once in ten years as required by Section 407 of the Commission rules.
2. New meters received from a manufacturer shall be subjected to testing on a random sample basis of five percent (5%) of the total received, but never less than five (5) meters, and must be found satisfactory before the shipment is released for use. If unsatisfactory, all meters in the shipment shall be tested, and repaired if necessary, or the shipment shall be returned to the manufacturer.
3. Only meters removed from service because of damage, meters that do not pass gas or that pass gas but do not register, and meters that are otherwise suspect as to accuracy, shall be tested and adjusted before reinstallation.
4. All other active meters will be assigned to lots on the basis of manufacturer's model and age with three years' age maximum to a lot. The meters to be sampled will be chosen at random by computer for a sample to be taken each year from each lot. The minimum number of samples taken from each lot will be as specified by Military Standard No. 414 for inspection by variables, inspection level IV with specification limits of $\pm 2.0\%$. Lot acceptability will be determined by the standard deviation method based on single sample, double specification limit, variability unknown, for an acceptable quality level of 15%. A meter lot for which the sample is satisfactory will remain in service. A meter lot for which the sample fails may remain in service if it passed the previous year and if no more than 10% of the sample registers over 102%. A meter lot for which the sample fails will be removed if the lot failed the previous year or if more than 10% of the sample registers over 102%. Removal of a failed lot of meters will be removed from service for testing and repair within one year.

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5. The Company will report the results of the meter test program annually. The test period will cover the fiscal year April 1 to March 31 with a report available to the Commission by May of each year.

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