IDAPA 31 – IDAHO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

31.26.01 – Master-Metering Rules for Electric Utilities

Who does this rule apply to?
All regulated electric utilities.

What is the purpose of this rule?
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. These Rules are based the conservation goals of fostering and maintaining direct relations between electric utilities and their customers and of equitable treatment of the ultimate consumers of electricity.

What is the legal authority for the agency to promulgate this rule?
This rule implements the following statutes passed by the Idaho Legislature:

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.

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This rule chapter will be reviewed in compliance with Section 67-5292, Idaho Code, and in accordance with the 8-year rule review schedule linked here.

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000. LEGAL AUTHORITY (RULE 0).
Chapters 1 through 7, Title 61, Idaho Code, and Sections 61-301, 61-302, 61-303, 61-315, 61-503, 61-507, and 61-520, Idaho Code. (7-1-24)

001. SCOPE (RULE 1).
This chapter applied to a electric utilities defining when and under what circumstances their customers may master-meter tenants of the customer. (7-1-24)

002. --004. (RESERVED)

005. DEFINITIONS (RULE 5).
As used in these rules: (7-1-24)

01. Tenant -- Mobile Home Park. A tenant of a mobile home park is a person defined as a resident and not a transient by the Manufactured Home Residency Act, Section 55-2001 et seq., Idaho Code, and in particular by Section 55-2003(164) and 55-2003(195), Idaho Code. (7-1-24)

02. 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 (1) of the building's units for a period not less than one (1) month. (7-1-24)

03. Master-Metering. Provision of service to multiple tenants through one meter, which measures the aggregate usage of all tenants. Typically, the utility bills the property owner or landlord based on measurement by the master meter. (7-1-24)

006. -- 099. (RESERVED)

MASTER-METERING RULES FOR ELECTRIC UTILITIES
Rules 100 through 199

100. MASTER-METERING AND INDIVIDUAL METERING IN MOBILE HOME PARKS (RULE 100).

01. Master Metering Prohibited. Master-metering, whether or not in conjunction with sub-metering of electric service by the park operator, is prohibited for any mobile home park connected for service by the utility after July 1, 1980. After that date, tenants (excluding transients) of mobile home parks must be individually metered and billed by the electric utility. (7-1-24)

02. Exception for Sub-Metered Parks. Any mobile home park connected for service on or before July 1, 1980 whose spaces for non-transient tenants are been fully sub-metered for electricity by the park owners need not be individually metered by the electric utility supplying the park. A mobile home park 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. Upon request, the utility will provide written instruction on how to calculate bills for sub-metered tenants in conformance with the utility's applicable rate schedule. (7-1-24)

101. MASTER-METERING AND INDIVIDUAL METERING IN MULTI-OCCUPANT RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS (RULE 101).
Non-transient tenants living in multi-occupant residential buildings connected for electric service after July 1, 1980, containing 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 will be individually metered and billed by the electric utility. (7-1-24)

102. MASTER-METERING AND INDIVIDUAL METERING IN COMMERCIAL BUILDINGS AND SHOPPING CENTERS (RULE 102).
Commercial buildings and shopping centers connected for electric service after July 1, 1980, may not be master metered if the units for non-transient tenants contain an electric space heating, water heating, or air-conditioning (space cooling) unit that is not centrally controlled and for which the unit's tenants individually control electric usage. Any non-transient tenants in otherwise master-metered buildings will be individually metered and billed by the utility if the tenant's electric load is significantly greater than that of other tenants in the building or shopping center or exceeds the individual metering threshold found in the utility's tariffs. (7-1-24)

103. -- 999. (RESERVED)