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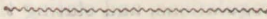
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PORTLAND GAS LIGHT COMPANY.



1. Any person or persons who shall open a communication into the street Gas main, or other Gas pipe, without authority from the Inspector or other authorized agent of the Portland Gas Light Company, or who shall let on the Gas after it has been stopped by order of said Inspector, or other authorized agent, for repairs or any other purpose, or who shall put up any pipes or burners in addition to the pipes or burners originally put up and inspected, and introduce the Gas into them without authority as aforesaid, shall be subject to a penalty of not less than Ten nor more than Fifty dollars for each and every such offence.

2. The Company give notice that they will provide, from time to time, such further and other rules and regulations under which the Gas may be furnished to private consumers, as experience may suggest, and as the said Company may deem necessary or convenient in the use or consumption of Gas.

3. The owners of property are required to sign a paper of the following purport, before Gas be admitted into their premises, in order to avoid all differences, viz :

"I hereby consent that Gas may be introduced into the premises No. _____ of which I am the owner, and in default of payment for the Gas consumed in said premises, I also consent that the flow of Gas shall be stopped until the bill be paid."

4. In all cases where a permit is given for extension or alteration of Gas fittings, it shall be the duty of the Inspector or assistant to stop off the flow of Gas, to remain so until the work has been proved and passed.

5. All applications for a supply of Gas must be made at the office of the Company, in person, or by duly authorized attorney; the applicant furnishing the consent, in writing, of the owner of the premises, signing the regulations, and stating the probable number of burners that he may require.

6. Gas will be supplied by the meter, and should the meters be found defective, they will be immediately changed. And in case of their ceasing to register the quantity of Gas consumed, the account will be made by the average of another meter, or by the amount charged during a previous corresponding period, at the discretion of the Company.

7. The Company may, whenever they shall deem it expedient, require security for the payment of the Gas expected to be consumed, or the deposit of a sum in advance, to secure themselves against loss.

8. The meter and service pipe from the main to the inside of the building to be lighted, (not exceeding the length of twenty feet,) will be furnished and laid by the Company, without cost to consumers; except where Gas is contemplated to be used for short periods, or during only a portion of the year. In such instances, the service pipe and meter must be paid for by the consumer, or leased from the Company, as they shall determine. The expense of the stop-cock, or other apparatus, and all extra service pipe, bends, &c., which may be required, shall be reimbursed to the Company by the consumer of Gas upon the premises.

9. The company shall have authority, whenever they deem it

necessary, to substitute alcohol for water in the meters, to prevent freezing, at the expense of the consumer.

10. The tubings and fittings for the conveyance of Gas, within the walls, after it has passed the meter, may be put up by any competent mechanic employed by the consumer, or proprietor of the premises, subject, however, to the inspection and approval of the Company, or their authorized agents.

11. All screws used in putting up Gas tubing, shall be made to such standard sizes as may be authorized by the Company, and no tubing shall be used except such as may be now or hereafter allowed by them; and all tubing and fittings shall be examined and approved by an inspector appointed by the Company, previous to being put up, and again examined and approved, after being fixed, before Gas will be supplied.

12. The inspector shall at all times be in readiness to examine the apparatus and premises of applicants, free of charge, on receiving three days notice.

13. The Company, their inspector, and other authorized agents, shall, at all times, have the right of free access into the premises lighted with Gas, for the purpose of examining the whole Gas apparatus, or for the removal of the meter and service pipe.

14. The tenant of any premises using Gas, shall give at least three days written notice whenever he is about to remove, that the Gas may be stopped, or he will remain liable for any Gas that may pass through the meter, until such notice is given.

15. The quantity of Gas consumed will, in all cases, be ascertained in the manner prescribed in the sixth article of these rules; and the bills be rendered monthly.

16. In default of payment for Gas consumed, within ten days after a bill is rendered, or in case of a leak or injury done to the meter or pipes within the premises of any consumer, the flow of Gas may be stopped until the bill is paid, or the necessary repairs are made.

17. The price of Gas will be thirty five cents for one hundred feet; and a discount of five per cent. will be allowed on all bills for Gas paid at the office of the Company within five days after presentation, *Provided*, that the amount be tendered before one o'clock, P. M., on any one of these days.

18. The Company reserve to themselves the right to refuse to introduce Gas into any premises, until all arrears due in the said premises shall have been paid.

19. The Company reserve to themselves the right, at any time, to cut off the communication of the service pipe, if they shall find it necessary to do so, in order to protect the works against abuse or fraud.

20. Each consumer of Gas shall, on application at the office of the Company, be furnished with a copy of the foregoing rules.

• Office hours for money transactions, from 9 A. M. to 1 P. M. For other business, the office is open in the afternoon.

[For the safety of the Company and themselves, consumers are required to turn off the Gas, at the stop cock, outside the meter, whenever the Gas is not burning. They will be charged with all loss on account thereof and will be required to pay for all Gas passing through the meter.]

21. The following Table exhibits the proportionate size and length of tubing required by the Company to be introduced by consumers. An adherence to it will be found necessary to an uninterrupted flow of Gas, and consequently to a steady light.

Size of Tubing.	Greatest Length allowed.	Greatest No. of Burners.
$\frac{3}{8}$ inch	20 "	3 burner
"	25 "	6 "
"	40 "	20 "
"	60 "	30 "
$1\frac{1}{4}$ "	100 "	60 "
$1\frac{1}{2}$ "	150 "	100 "
2 "	200 "	200 "
Size of Meters.	Greatest No. of Burners.	
3 light	5 burners	
5 "	10 "	
10 "	20 "	
20 "	40 "	
30 "	60 "	
45 "	100 "	
100 "	250 "	

It is advised that consumers be requested to give immediate notice at the Office, if any escape of Gas be discovered, as no deductions will be made from the bills rendered for Gas passing through the meter, &c.

[They are also desired to notify the Company, as early in the day as possible, of any deficiency of light, that the evil may be remedied without delay. The Company recommend that proper attention be given to regulating the *height of the flame*, on which depends the quantity of Gas consumed. By raising the flame to a moderate height, the most perfect combustion and brightest light are obtained, and the use of the Gas is thus rendered both pleasant and economical, being entirely free from smoke, or the least unpleasant smell. The burners should also be kept free from dust, and if at any time they become obstructed, the application of a brush to the apertures will immediately remove the difficulty.]

22. The notice for inspection must be accompanied by a plan of the fittings, drawn to a scale of one inch to eight feet, on which must be marked the size of the tubing and the position of the burners; said plans to be numbered by the Inspector to correspond with the register of applications, and filed in the Office for future inspection.

23. After the admission of Gas into fittings they must not be disconnected or opened, either for alteration or repair, without a written permit from the Inspector, which may be obtained at the Office of the Company, free of expense. Any Plumber, Gas Fitter, or other person, who may violate this regulation, will be held liable to a penalty of ten dollars.

It is advised that consumers be informed by the Company that if any change in the design of the fittings will be made, the same should be reported to the Inspector at the Office of the Company as early as possible. If any change is desired to which the Company is not willing to assent, it is the duty of the consumer to report the same as early as possible to the Inspector. The Company's responsibility for any change in the design of the fittings is limited to the extent of the information given to the Inspector. The Inspector will not be held liable for any change in the design of the fittings which is made after the Inspector has given his approval. The Inspector will not be held liable for any change in the design of the fittings which is made after the Inspector has given his approval. The Inspector will not be held liable for any change in the design of the fittings which is made after the Inspector has given his approval.

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