**Meter Locations**

Metering equipment shall be installed on the outside of buildings, service structures, or on a meter pole in a readily accessible area that is without risk of bodily harm to PUD Employees and free from vibration, corrosive atmosphere, and abnormal temperatures.

Metering equipment shall not be located under the outfall of eaves, rain spouts, drains, or near doors that might damage the metering equipment.

Meters shall not be located in carports, breezeways, porches, or similar locations historically proven to have a high probability of becoming enclosed.

Meters shall not be enclosed without PUD written approval. Customers must remove such enclosure so that the meters are accessible by the PUD within thirty (30) days of written notification or the PUD will begin disconnection procedures.

Meters shall be installed at such a height that the center of the meter, or top row of multiple meter installations, is no more than six (6) feet, or less than five (5) feet from the ground or platform. Meters on underground systems may be installed less than five (5) feet from grade in underground metering pedestals.

Meters or metering equipment shall be placed in a location that allows free and safe access for installing, removing, testing, and reading. Metering equipment shall not be installed over open points, moving machinery, accessible wells, or hatchways. There shall be at least three (3) feet of unobstructed space between the nearest point of the metering equipment and any obstructions.

New service entrance locations shall be approved by the PUD prior to installation.

Customer metering equipment may only be placed on PUD-owned secondary and service poles carrying voltages of less than 600 volts.

Existing meters located indoors may be permitted as long as the PUD has access to all meters.