

NATURAL GAS FACILITIES AMENDMENTS

2014 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

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LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill addresses provisions related to the installation of natural gas facilities.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ addresses who may install natural gas facilities;
- ▶ addresses the inspection of natural gas facilities by a gas corporation; and
- ▶ addresses the duty of a gas corporation to supply natural gas or to accept ownership

of natural gas facilities.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

None

Other Special Clauses:

None

Utah Code Sections Affected:

ENACTS:

58-55-308.1, Utah Code Annotated 1953

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the state of Utah:

Section 1. Section **58-55-308.1** is enacted to read:

58-55-308.1. Definitions -- Installation of natural gas facilities -- Scope of practice.

(1) As used in this section:

(a) "Gas corporation" is as defined in Section 54-2-1.

30 (b) "Minimum system" means the minimum natural gas facilities necessary to serve
31 each intended consumer, as determined by a gas corporation.

32 (c) (i) "Natural gas facilities" means:

33 (A) one or more natural gas mains;

34 (B) one or more natural gas service lines; or

35 (C) a combination of Subsections (1)(c)(i)(A) and (B); and

36 (ii) "Natural gas facilities" includes any necessary appurtenant facilities.

37 (d) (i) "Natural gas main" means a natural gas distribution pipeline that delivers natural
38 gas to another natural gas distribution supply line or to a natural gas service line.

39 (ii) "Natural gas main" does not include a natural gas service line.

40 (e) "Natural gas service line" means a natural gas pipeline that carries natural gas from
41 a natural gas main to a meter for use by the ultimate consumer.

42 (f) "Natural gas tariff specifications" means the standards and specifications:

43 (i) for the construction of natural gas facilities; and

44 (ii) that are:

45 (A) established by a gas corporation; and

46 (B) included in the gas corporation's tariff that is approved by the Public Service
47 Commission.

48 (g) "Qualifying installer" means a person who:

49 (i) a gas corporation approves to install natural gas facilities; and

50 (ii) is:

51 (A) licensed under this chapter; and

52 (B) authorized to install natural gas facilities within the person's scope of practice as
53 established by statute or administrative rule.

54 (2) A qualifying installer may install natural gas facilities.

55 (3) (a) Except as provided in Subsections (3)(b) and (c), a qualifying installer shall pay
56 the costs to install natural gas facilities.

57 (b) A gas corporation shall pay the costs of the following services related to natural gas

58 facilities installed by a qualifying installer:

59 (i) engineering;

60 (ii) inspection;

61 (iii) mapping; and

62 (iv) locating.

63 (c) If a gas corporation requires a qualifying installer to install natural gas facilities that

64 are greater than the minimum system, the gas corporation shall pay any difference in cost

65 between the required natural gas facilities and the minimum system.

66 (4) A gas corporation shall inspect and test natural gas facilities that a qualifying

67 installer installs to verify that the natural gas facilities comply with applicable federal, state,

68 and local law and natural gas tariff specifications.

69 (5) A gas corporation is not required to supply natural gas to or accept ownership of

70 natural gas facilities until the gas corporation completes all necessary inspections and testing to

71 verify that the natural gas facilities have been installed and tested in compliance with

72 applicable federal, state, and local law and natural gas tariff specifications.