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Summary of Comments on Initial Proposal with Responses

January 19, 2024

In accordance with the Appendix II-C Rulemaking Notice, the Department held a public comment hearing on October 4, 2023, and allowed written comments through October 18, 2023.

Substantive public comments made either at the hearing, in writing, or both were as follows:

"Amend Proposed Rule En 603.02 to recognize that the Commission has previously approved waivers of the requirement for metered service... [but where a utility] expects to transition its unmetered systems to metered service over time... this Rule should recognize that unmetered service may continue in cases where it is authorized under an existing, approved tariff."

"Amend Proposed Rule En 605.03 to include language providing that meters should be calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's technical specifications. The Commission's former rules were written during a time when meters were mechanical and required calibration on an on-going basis. The technology used in today's meters has changed considerably such that meter calibration is no longer required."

After fully considering these comments in deliberations involving numerous staff, the Department did not adopt the proposed changes.