

PETERBOROUGH UTILITIES COMMISSION
WATER METERING OPTIONS
FOR EXISTING AND NEW MULTI-UNIT FACILITIES

POLICY

Wherever practical, all customers shall be metered in accordance with this policy. All metering shall be in accordance with the current metering specifications of the Peterborough Utilities.

Existing Multi-Residential, Industrial, Commercial or Institutional

Individual metering of units is always an option, whenever physically possible – owner is responsible to carry out any plumbing necessary to make individual metering possible if this option is selected by the owner.

1. Bulk metering is always an option – owner to pay for chamber, piping, by-pass piping (if required), and electrical necessary for meter installation. Bulk metering in the building is allowed where possible, otherwise bulk metering shall be done on the domestic portion of the water piping at a location approved by the PUC.
2. A combination of bulk and individual metering is allowed. Costs for the combination option shall be consistent sections 1 & 2. If the owner wishes submetering behind a bulk meter, the owner shall be responsible for the meters and their installation. PUC will not bill submetering.
3. Where the plumbing system is complex, the owner shall identify the feeds and where metering shall be placed. The PUC will review this information and have final approval on the metering location(s). The owner shall be responsible if double metering occurs due to improper metering locations and shall hold the PUC harmless in such an occurrence.
4. The owner is responsible to provide a meter location which is suitable to the PUC for protection from freezing and accessibility for maintenance.
5. The PUC shall be responsible to install a bypass around the meter for meters 38mm (1 ½”) or greater.
6. Existing dedicated fire service will not be metered.

New Multi-Residential, Industrial, Commercial or Institutional

1. The owner may individually meter the building or units where there is a direct service to the building that does not have a private yard hydrant – owner is responsible to carry out any plumbing necessary to make individual metering possible if this option is selected by the owner.
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5. The owner is responsible to provide a meter location which is suitable to the PUC for protection from freezing and accessibility for maintenance.
6. The owner shall be responsible to install a bypass around the meter for meters 38mm (1 ½”) or greater. The bypass shall be of equal size as the main pipe.
7. Dedicated fire services shall not be metered.

RATIONALE

Peterborough Utilities Commission wishes to implement water metering throughout the city to the fullest extent possible while providing some flexibility and options for multi-unit facilities.

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