

**S.I. 2017 No. 36**

National Petroleum Corporation Act

CAP. 280

**NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION (SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS)(AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 2017**

The Minister, in exercise of the powers conferred on him by section 21 of the *National Petroleum Corporation Act*, makes the following Regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the *National Petroleum Corporation (Supply of Natural Gas)(Amendment) Regulations, 2017*.

2. *Regulation 2 of the National Petroleum Corporation (Supply of Natural Gas) Regulations (S.I. 2004 No. 140), in these Regulations referred to as the principal Regulations, is amended by*

(a) *deleting the definition of “customer” and substituting the following:*

““customer” means a person who is supplied with natural gas by the Corporation, whether that supply is to residential premises, commercial premises, industrial premises or to any other premises belonging to that person;”;

(b) *inserting the following definitions in the appropriate alphabetical order*

““fitter” means a person trained in the assembly, installation and repair of natural gas connections and pipelines, and who lays and repairs gas mains and installs service pipes;

“supply line” means the pipeline which delivers natural gas from a distribution point of the Corporation to the entry point of the meter

installed by the Corporation on premises to which natural gas is supplied;”

*(c) deleting the definition of “premises” and substituting the following:*

“ “premises” means a dwelling house or any other structure which houses a person, an office building, a factory or any other structure together with the land on which it is situated;”; and

*(d) deleting the definition of “shut-off point” and substituting the following:*

“ “shut-off point” means the point at which the flow of natural gas, supplied by the Corporation, to any natural gas pipeline or supply line can be securely stopped before it is delivered to premises or to an appliance of a customer;”.

**3. *Regulation 5 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following is substituted:***

**“Testing of installations**

**5.(1)** The Corporation shall, before supplying natural gas to any premises

- (a)* install the necessary natural gas pipelines or supply lines for carrying natural gas to the premises;
- (b)* install a shut-off valve at a suitable point along the natural gas pipeline;
- (c)* install a shut-off point at a suitable location along the natural gas pipeline to interrupt the supply of gas to the premises;

- (d) test the installation, whether located on, within, or around any part of the premises;
- (e) test all natural gas pipelines, supply lines, and connections to appliances at the premises; and
- (f) supply the customer with a certificate of completion which shall include
  - (i) the name and address of the customer, the job order number and the date of installation and testing;
  - (ii) a test report on the natural gas service pipeline;
  - (iii) comments on the test report;
  - (iv) the signature of the fitter and the date of signature; and
  - (v) the name of the officer supervising the installation.

(2) The Corporation shall not, by virtue of making any inspection or test of any installation or connections at the premises of a customer or any installation in accordance with these Regulations, be deemed responsible for any damage or loss arising out of the misuse of the installation or connections by the customer or any other person, other than an employee of the Corporation. ”.

**4. *Regulation 9 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following is substituted:***

**“Alteration to an installation by a customer**

- 9.(1) No customer shall, without the approval of the Corporation,
- (a) make any alteration to a meter or to an installation or connection made for the supply of natural gas by the Corporation; or

(b) add to the installation referred to in paragraph (a) any additional item or equipment to use the supply of natural gas provided by the Corporation.

(2) A customer who makes an alteration contrary to paragraph (1) is guilty of an offence and is liable on summary conviction to a fine of \$1 000 or to imprisonment for a term of 12 months or to both.”.

**5.        *Regulation 10(1) of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (e) and substituting the following:***

“(e) examining natural gas pipelines, supply lines, connections or fittings;”.

**6.        *Regulation 14 of the principal Regulations is amended by deleting sub-paragraph (i) and substituting the following sub-paragraphs:***

“(i) where the customer is convicted of an offence under these Regulations; and

(j) where the permission given by a landowner to the Corporation to place natural gas infrastructure on the property of the land owner is withdrawn by an instrument in writing.”.

**7.        *Regulation 15 of the principal Regulations is deleted and the following is substituted:***

**“Rates to be paid for natural gas**

**15.**        The rates to be paid for the supply of natural gas shall be the rates specified in the *Third Schedule*.”.

**8.** *The First Schedule to the principal Regulations is amended by deleting Form II and substituting the Form II as set out in the First Schedule to these Regulations.*

**9.** *The Second Schedule to the principal Regulations is deleted and the Second Schedule as set out in the Second Schedule to these Regulations is substituted.*

**10.** *The principal Regulations are amended by inserting the Third Schedule contained in these Regulations as the Third Schedule to those Regulations.*

**FIRST SCHEDULE**

*(Regulation 8)*



*“(Regulation 7(1))*

**FORM II**

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**NATIONAL PETROLEUM CORPORATION (SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS)  
REGULATIONS, 2004**

**APPLICATION FOR METER TESTING**

I ..... of ..... am a customer of the National Petroleum Corporation. I hereby make an application for a meter to be tested. This meter is situated at .....

I hereby declare that I am aware that the contract entered into with the National Petroleum Corporation is subject to the *National Petroleum Corporation (Supply of Natural Gas) Regulations, 2004*, and I further declare that all statements made by me in this application are true and accurate.

The application fee of \$ 25.00 is enclosed herewith.

Dated the        day of        , 20   .

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Applicant

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**SECOND SCHEDULE**

*(Regulation 9)*

**“SECOND SCHEDULE**

*(Regulations 4(1), 7(1) and 16)*

*FEES*

ITEM	\$
1. Deposit fee payable by applicants for the supply of natural gas	50.00
2. Installation fee for a supply of natural gas	
<i>(a)</i> domestic ... ..	150.00
<i>(b)</i> commercial ... ..	150.00
<i>(c)</i> other ... ..	150.00
3. Minimum fee for installation and connection from a meter to an appliance ... ..	150.00
4. Rental fee for meters	
<i>(a)</i> domestic ... ..	5.00
<i>(b)</i> commercial ... ..	15.00
<i>(c)</i> other ... ..	15.00

ITEM	\$
5. Fee in respect of a request by a customer for the testing of a meter for the supply of natural gas	
(a) domestic ... ..	25.00
(b) commercial ... ..	25.00
(c) other .. .. .	25.00
6. Fee in respect of a request by a customer for the testing of a natural gas pipe or supply line concerned with supply of natural gas ... ..	No charge
7. Reconnection fee	
(a) domestic ... ..	50.00
(b) commercial ... ..	50.00
(c) other ... .. .	50.00

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**THIRD SCHEDULE***(Regulation 11)***“THIRD SCHEDULE***(Regulation 15)***FEES**

<b>USAGE</b>	<b>RATE ( per m<sup>3</sup> )</b> <b>\$</b>
0 m <sup>3</sup> - 150 m <sup>3</sup>	1.70 per m <sup>3</sup>
151 m <sup>3</sup> - 5 000 m <sup>3</sup>	1.60 per m <sup>3</sup>
5 001 m <sup>3</sup> - 20 000 m <sup>3</sup>	1.50 per m <sup>3</sup>
over 20 000 m <sup>3</sup>	1.41 per m <sup>3</sup>
<b>SPECIAL USAGE CATEGORY</b>	<b>SPECIAL RATE</b>
Queen Elizabeth Hospital	0.70 per m <sup>3</sup>

Made by the Minister this 4th day of July, 2017.

**RICHARD SEALY (A.g.)**

Minister Responsible for Petroleum