

PUD USE ONLY

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ATTN: Customer Service Coordinator Route: \_\_\_\_\_ Cycle: \_\_\_\_\_ SL: \_\_\_\_\_



**CUSTOMER REQUEST TO OPT OUT OF REMOTE-READ OR ADVANCED METERS**

To opt out of the PUD’s policy of using remote-read or advanced meters, the customer will pay the monthly difference in cost for the PUD to operate and maintain a meter without transmitting capability (PUD-read opt-out fee). The meter used for a customer who opts out will be a digital meter without the remote-read component. If requested, and available, the District will provide an electromechanical (analog) meter with an upcharge (per meter) that covers the necessary periodic calibration and testing maintenance. The opt-out fee will not be charged until the customer route is converted to advanced meters, unless the customer is currently on a fully remote-read route. The analog meter upcharge will begin as soon as a newly calibrated meter is installed.

As an alternative to meter reads by the District, a “self-read” pilot project is available that allows opt-out customers to read their own meters and report, during the last four days of each calendar month, their utility consumption electronically to the District. A one-time configuration fee, monthly opt-out fee, and an additional deposit, based on credit, will be assessed for this option. There is a fee for failure to report which will revert the customer to the PUD-read program. The self-read pilot project is open for enrollment during the three-year period commencing on April 1, 2019. Within three months after the expiration of the pilot project, District staff will provide a final report to the District’s Board of Commissioners, who will decide whether to continue offering the self-read option.

For opt-out customers with multiple electric meters, or with both a PUD electric and water meter, the opt-out fee shall be assessed per service address, provided that the same account holder is named on all accounts. All opt-out fee(s) will be billed per the current Schedule of Deposits and Charges. If at any time an opt-out customer disconnects their account or falls within any of the below exceptions, the PUD will return the service to an advanced meter. The opt-out program shall be available to all customers except for the following:

- Customers who participate in services or optional rates that require advanced metering (e.g. Net Metering and Pre-Pay);
- Customers who are found to tamper with the meter or cut the meter seal;
- Customers who have poly-phase service or are served by a demand meter;
- Any field trip made to the location to disconnect for nonpayment;
- Locations enrolled in the Continuous Service program for landlords. Continuous service allows an account owned by a tenant to revert back into the landlord’s name in the event of a vacancy;
- Customers who violate the Facilities Access Policy.

**I elect to pay the monthly fee(s) to opt out of having an advanced or radio-read meter and agree to pay the access appointment fee if a current advanced meter will be replaced with a non-remote read digital meter or calibrated analog meter. I understand I will not receive any of the enhanced services and benefits provided by advanced meters. I confirm that I am the account holder for all meters associated with this address. I elect (select one):**

- PUD to read my meter and wish to receive a  Non-transmitting digital meter  Analog meter
- Self-read pilot project and wish to receive a  Non-transmitting digital meter  Analog meter

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Account #: \_\_\_\_\_

Service Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**THE PUD WILL NOT ACCEPT A REQUEST FORM THAT HAS BEEN ALTERED (e.g. CORRECTION TAPE OR FLUID, STRIKE-THROUGHS, NEW CONTENT)**