



## Policy Document

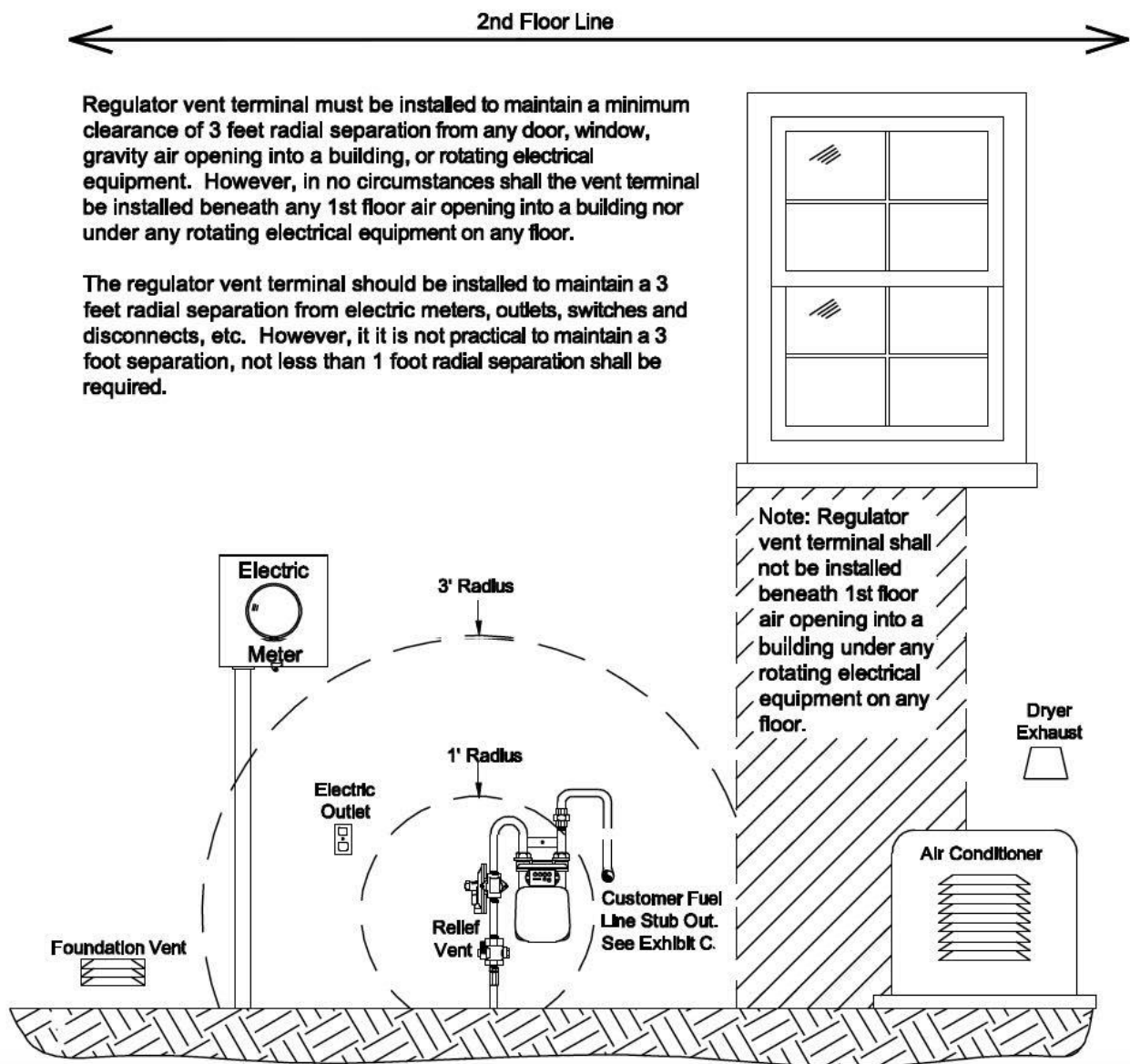
This list of specifications will assist with the efficient installation of gas and/or electric facilities and compliance with the National Electric Codes & Standards adopted by the State of Indiana Administrative Code, as well as to maintain the Federal and Indiana Minimum Pipeline Safety Regulations.

These specifications apply only to the installation of Gas and/or Electric facilities by NIPSCO which are on-site. Any off-site work will be the sole responsibility of the NIPSCO.

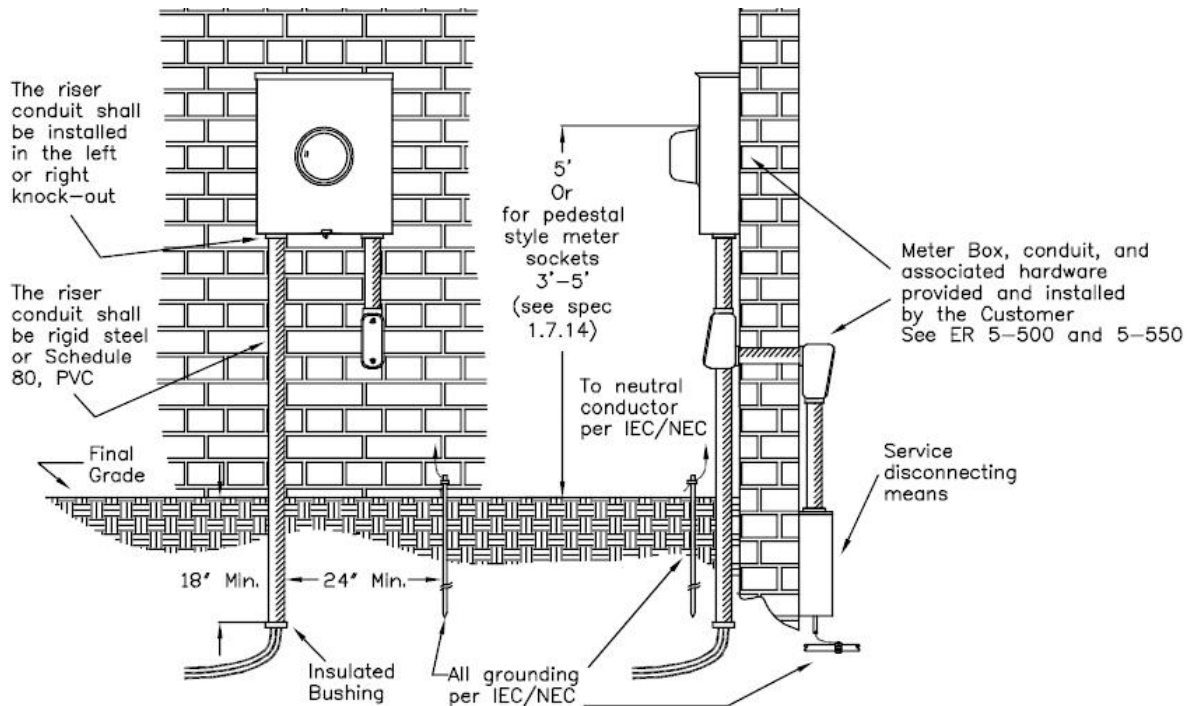
Prior to installation of gas and/or electric facilities, the following items must be completed:

- (1) For developments requiring NIPSCO infrastructure improvements, all non-NIPSCO facilities that are to be at a depth below 54" have been installed, where necessary for the installation of the NIPSCO's facilities. Customer (or designated Customer/Contractor) assumes responsibility for moving any facilities if the move is necessary for the installation of the NIPSCO's facilities.
- (2) For developments requiring NIPSCO infrastructure improvements, all non-NIPSCO facilities that are to be at a depth above 54", with the exception of storm sewers, may not be installed at the request or direction of the Customer/Contractor prior to the installation of NIPSCO's facilities, except with the express written consent of the NIPSCO, which consent shall not be unreasonably withheld. Electric facilities can be installed before the gas main is installed. Customer/Contractor assumes responsibility for moving any facilities if the move is necessary for the installation of the NIPSCO's facilities. In addition, Customer/Contractor is responsible for any additional costs incurred by the NIPSCO if storm sewers are installed in a location other than what was provided to the NIPSCO as part of the engineering process.
- (3) All facilities that are not part of the One Call locate System (811), including Customer owned facilities, have been located and marked by the Customer/Contractor. This includes all public & private, mechanical or electrical facilities.
- (4) Final grade of the utility easement/route is to be established within +/- 6" in the areas where NIPSCO facilities will be installed.
- (5) Utility easements/routes are sufficiently drained, compacted, not part of detention/retention areas and grade does not exceed 5/1 slope.
- (6) The utility easement/route is free of trees, brush, spoils, construction debris, or any other obstruction (including snow) and an eight (8) foot wide clear path is maintained from the easement to the service location.
- (7) The utility easement, lot lines, curbs, and sidewalks at the site are staked, if applicable.
- (8) A final recorded plat has been provided, if applicable.
- (9) NIPSCO will **not** be responsible for re-seeding/re-sodding property of the customer requesting service. To the extent that existing landscaping is in place, the Customer/Contractor has the right to install conduit to avoid disturbing the property. The trench will be backfilled and every effort will be made to leave the premises in a neat and presentable condition.

- (10) The building setback lines shall be established to prevent any over digs into the easement or any excavations close enough to cause an easement collapse or settlement. The integrity of the installed utility infrastructure must be protected during the entire construction period.
- (11) Gas services shall be installed from the main in a perpendicular, continuous straight line to the meter location
- (12) Residential electric and gas meters should both be located on the same side of the home within the front 1/3 to aid meter reading, testing and service, and to aid emergency response in the event of a fire or some other hazardous condition.
- (13) For Residential new construction gas service, a fuel line must be stubbed to the outside, or a riser bracket (compliant with NIPSCO standard) must be installed to confirm service location prior to NIPSCO installation of the service line to the building.
- (14) Gas meter locations must comply with all NIPSCO safety requirements:



(15) Electric meters locations must comply with all NIPSCO safety requirements:



(16) The Customer/Contractor shall reimburse the NIPSCO for all costs associated with the relocation or redesign of gas and/or electric facilities deemed necessary due to alterations to final grade after the NIPSCO's facilities have been installed, or the Customer/Contractor's failure to meet any of the above stated site preparation specifications. The Customer/Contractor shall be financially responsible for any expenditure incurred by NIPSCO to modify its facilities due to Customer/Contractor's actions. This Customer/Contractor financial responsibility is non-reimbursable. The Customer/Contractor shall ensure that final grade must be maintained.

(17) All required payments and/or contracts including necessary security deposits for service accounts have been received by NIPSCO.

(18) All required inspections have been completed successfully and received by NIPSCO. (A list of local inspection contacts may be found on the NIPSCO website at [www.nipsco.com](http://www.nipsco.com).)

***Once all site readiness tasks have been completed and the customer is ready for service, customer should contact the NIPSCO New Business department at 844-809-8921.***