(6) Where such a meter is removed for the purpose of being examined by a meter examiner in accordance with section 17 of the Gas Act 1986, the expenses incurred in removing, examining and re-installing the meter and fixing a substitute meter shall be defrayed as follows -

(a) if the examination is carried out at the request of any person and the meter is found in proper order, by that person;

(b) if the meter is not so found, by the person required by sub-paragraph (1) or (3) above to keep the meter in proper order.

(7) A meter is found in proper order for the purposes of sub-paragraph 3(6) above if it is found to register correctly or to register erroneously to a degree not exceeding the degree permitted by regulations under section 17 of the Gas Act 1986.

(8) Nothing in this Paragraph shall apply in relation to any meter which, in pursuance of an agreement falling within section 17(14) of the Gas Act 1986, is used for ascertaining the quantity of propane supplied to a customer if either:

(a) the agreement was entered into before the appointed day; or

(b) BGTL has agreed that the meter should be kept in proper order by a person other than the customer.

METER AS EVIDENCE OF QUANTITY OF PROPANE SUPPLIED

4. (1) Subject to sub-paragraph (2) below, the register of the meter shall be prima facie evidence of the quantity of propane supplied.

(2) Where the meter is found, when examined by a meter examiner appointed under section 17 of the Gas Act 1986, to register erroneously to a degree exceeding the degree permitted by regulations under that section, the meter shall be deemed to have registered erroneously to the degree so found since the relevant date, except in a case where it is proved to have begun to do so on some later date.

(3) In sub-paragraph (2) above, "the relevant date" means:-

(a) the penultimate date on which, otherwise than in connection with the examination, the register of the meter was ascertained; or

(b) if regulations so provide, such other date as may be determined by or under the regulations.

INSTALLATION OF METERS IN NEW PREMISES ETC.

5. (1) This paragraph applies where a meter is to be used to register the quantity of propane supplied to a customer and:-

(a) a new or substituted pipe is to be laid between BGTL's main and the meter; or

(b) the meter is to be installed in a different position.

(2) Subject to sub-paragraph (3) below, the meter shall be installed as near as practicable to BGTL'S Main, but within a building comprised in the premises.

(3) The meter may be installed otherwise than within a building comprised in the premises if it is installed either:-

(a) in accommodation of a type and construction approved by BGTL by an approval given in relation to premises generally, or to any class or description of premises; or

(b) in a separate meter house or other accommodation outside a building comprised in the premises which is approved by BGTL in the case of those particular premises.

(4) If the requirements of this Paragraph are not complied with, BGTL may disconnect the customer's premises.

METERS FOR DISABLED PERSONS

6. Where BGTL for the purpose of meeting the needs of a disabled person:-

(a) alters the position of a meter which is owned by BGTL and is lent or hired to the customer; or

(b) replaces such a meter with one which has been specially adapted,

BGTL shall not charge the customer for the alteration or replacement.

RECOVERY OF CHARGES ETC

7. (1) Sub-paragraph (3) applies where:-

(a) a demand in writing is made by BGTL for the payment of any of the charges due to him from the customer in respect of the supply of propane to the customer's premises, or to any premises previously owned or occupied by him; and

(b) the customer does not pay those charges within 28 days after the making of the demand.

(2) Sub-paragraph (3) below also applies where:

(a) a request in writing is made by BGTL for the provision of a deposit by way of reasonable security for the payment of the charges due to it from a customer in respect of the supply of propane to the customer's premises; and

(b) the customer does not provide such a deposit within 7 days after the making of the request.

(3) BGTL may, after giving not less than 7 days' notice of its intention:-

(a) cut off the supply to the customer's premises by disconnecting the service pipe at the meter or by such other means as it thinks fit; and

(b) recover any expenses incurred in so doing from the customer.

(4) The powers conferred by sub-paragraph (3) shall not be exercisable in respect of any charges or deposit the amount of which is genuinely in dispute:

RESTORATION OF SUPPLY WITHOUT CONSENT

8. (1) Where a customer's premises have been disconnected, or the supply of propane to a customer's premises has been cut off by BGTL, the customer shall not, without the consent of BGTL, reconnect the premises or restore the supply.

(2) If the customer acts in contravention of sub-paragraph (1) above, BGTL may again disconnect the premises or, as the case may be, cut off the supply.