
Regulation 111

PRIVATELY-OWNED FACILITIES

(a) **Installation and Maintenance**

The customer or the owner of any property served by the System shall, at his or her own risk, furnish, install, maintain, repair and retain ownership and control over, and absolute liability and responsibility for, any and all pipes and water receiving, distribution, and outlet facilities on the property's side of the outlet of the System's water meter or connection, provided, however, that if any such pipes, equipment or facilities are the proximate cause of damage, nuisance, inconvenience or hazard to the System or the public water supply, or to other of the System's customers or consumers, or to the general welfare of the public, the System shall have an absolute right to compel the owner or user of such pipes, equipment or facilities to adjust, repair or replace the same, or to discontinue drawing water from the System.

(b) **Nonresponsibility**

Neither the Inverness Public Utility District nor the Inverness Community Water System, nor their employees, agents, servants or Directors shall be responsible or liable for any loss or damage caused by the negligent or wrongful acts or omissions of a customer, consumer or user of System services or of such customer's, consumer's or user's tenants, agents, employees, contractors, licensees or permittees in installing, maintaining, using, operating or interfering with any water receiving equipment. The System shall not be responsible for damage caused by faucets, valves or other outlet equipment which in any way at any time malfunction or which may be opened or left on at any time without the intention or knowledge of the customer.

(c) **Right to Turn Off Service**

System personnel, employees and agents shall have an absolute right at any time to turn off any service, without necessarily suspending the service, when in the judgment of said personnel, employees or agents, in the singular and the plural, such action will prevent loss or use of water unintended by the customer. In such instances, the System Manager shall make reasonable effort to contact and inform the customer and/or property owner of said action and of the circumstances under which said action has been undertaken.

(d) **Connection to Meter or Other System Service Outlet**

The owner of the property served by the System shall be solely responsible for connecting the service's meter or service outlet, such connection to conform in all respects to all applicable Standard Drawings adopted by and for the System. However, except as provided for in Regulation 105, the System will at its option make the necessary connection if the service's pipeline is properly placed before the meter or System service outlet facilities are installed.

(e) **Pressure Devices**

Where it is desired to reduce or increase the pressure under which water is supplied by the System, the property owner shall be responsible for installing and maintaining any and all necessary regulators, pumps, relief valves, and related devices, subject to all applicable provisions of Regulation 112 or Regulation 113. All such equipment shall be installed on the property side of the System's meter or service connection installation, and at property owner's risk and expenses. Pursuant to Regulation 113, the System may require installation of pressure reducers where water pressure exceeds ninety (90) pounds per square inch at the meter or System service outlet.

(f) **Ground Wire Attachments**

The System shall not be responsible for providing any electrical ground through water service equipment, nor shall System aid, encourage or abet attachment of any ground wiring to plumbing which is or may be connected to System equipment or facilities. The System shall hold liable the customer, property owner or consumer for any injury to System personnel or for any damage to System property resulting directly or in-

directly from attachment of any ground wire or similar device to any pipes, fixtures or equipment connected to, either directly or indirectly, System equipment, facilities or installations.

(g) **Master Valve and Backflow Check Valve**

Effective October 1, 1984, each and every service connection shall be equipped, solely at the property owner's expense, with a readily accessible, hand-operated master shutoff valve installed between the meter or other service connection device and the service's first outlet closest to the service connection and as close to the meter or other service connection device as is reasonable. Effective October 1, 1984, each and every service connection shall be provided, solely at the property owner's expense, with a backflow check valve located at the service connection and conforming to the applicable Standard Drawings adopted by and for the System.
