

**7820.1400 LANDLORD-TENANT RULE.**

In situations where the service is rendered at an address different from the mailing address of the bill, or where the utility has reason to know that a landlord-tenant relationship exists and that the landlord is the customer of the utility; and where the landlord as customer would otherwise be subject to disconnection of service; the utility may not disconnect service until the following actions have been taken:

A. Where it is feasible to so provide service the utility, after providing notice as required in these rules, shall offer the occupant the opportunity to subscribe for service in the occupant's own name. If the occupant then declines to so subscribe, the utility may disconnect service pursuant to the rules.

B. A utility shall not attempt to recover from a tenant, or condition service to a tenant with the payment of any outstanding bills or other charges due upon the outstanding account of the landlord.

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