

**PARISH OF ASCENSION**  
**OFFICE OF PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT**  
**BUILDING DEPARTMENT**



**ATMOS**

TO: Builders and Plumbers

From: ATMOS ENERGY CORPORATION – formerly Louisiana Gas Service

DATE: May 25, 2002

RE: Acceptable Gas Meter Locations

IMPORTANT – A strict policy regarding gas meter locations that are safe for the customer and maintainable by our professionals is mandated by Atmos Energy. The location of a gas meter is always designated by ATMOS ENERGY. We appreciate your cooperation in adhering to the locations that will prevent delays in getting gas service to customers. We can help find suitable places for meters when unusual situations come up.

- 1) **In Subdivision**, gas line stub should be on a sidewall within 10 feet from the front corner and in front of any offsets. (The front wall is also acceptable) Remain 5 feet away from the following: Electric box, power outlets, A/C units, water bib, windows, doors and sewer aerator. Avoid outdoor stairs, fences and any other obstructions when placing the gas stub. It is the builder and plumber's responsibility to coordinate the above distances with other contractors on the job-site.
- 2) **No meter will be located at the rear wall of a residential building** without prior approval from the Gas Company (this is a safety concern and a maintenance problem). Allowances are considered for buildings with Zero lot lines only.
- 3) **Commercial gas meters are allowed at the rear of a structure with prior approval.** A useable driveway must be in place for Gas Company maintenance vehicles.
- 4) **Homes in rural areas – If the gas stub will be less than 250 feet back, and for a monetary fee, the meter can be placed at the wall location as stated in #1 above.** Rural is defined as a State Highway or Parish Road. **A GAS STUB PLACED FARTHER BACK THAN 250 FEET WILL HAVE THE METER AT THE ROAD.** IN THIS CASE, THE CUSTOMERS' FUEL LINE THAT RUNS FROM THE ROAD TO THE HOME WILL BE SIZED BY A PLUMBER ACCORDING TO GAS LOAD AND DISTANCE FROM THE METER TO HOUSE STUB FOR 4-OZ PRESSURE (7" W.C.) OUR PROFESSIONALS CAN ANSWER QUESTIONS REGARDING HIGH PRESSURE METERING AND OFFER HELP WITH SIZING A CUSTOMER'S FUEL LINE.