



Fee and reporting requirements for the operator of a distribution system

Overview

Section 155 of the Petroleum and Gas (Safety) Regulation 2018 (P&G Regulation) makes liable the operator of a distribution system. This is Category 8 of the petroleum and gas safety and health fee (the fee).

Under section 734A(7) of the *Petroleum and Gas (Production and Safety) Act 2004*, operator means the person responsible for the management and safe operation of the system

Under section 157 of the P&G Regulation distribution system operators must lodge a petroleum and gas safety and health fee return for each financial year by 31 July.

The annual fee payable by the operator of a distribution system helps fund the activities of the Petroleum & Gas Inspectorate, Resources Safety and Health Queensland in regulating and promoting safety for businesses and the community.

When do you need to pay the fee as the operator of a distribution system?

Operators are required to pay the fee for each kilometre of pipeline in the distribution system that was in use at any time in the reporting period. The fee is an annual invoice and will be issued to you on or before 10 November after the end of the financial year. Payment terms are detailed on the invoice. Interest and late penalties apply for late payment of invoices.

What is the reporting period?

The reporting periods are broken up into financial years (1 July to 30 June). If you are the operator of a distribution system at any time during the financial year, you are liable to pay the fee.

What is a distribution system?

Distribution system means a system of distribution pipelines and meters and other equipment used in the supply of fuel gas to more than 1 consumer within a fuel gas market, but does not include—

- (a) pipelines connected from the exit point of a meter installed for a consumer's premises; or
- (b) appliances or equipment connected to pipelines mentioned in paragraph (a)

An embedded network is classed as a distribution system and is required to be reported.

Reporting Measurements- What are operators required to report?

Length reporting requirement

Section 158 of the P&G Regulation requires distribution system operators to report the length in kilometres of the distribution system. Length is to be provided in exact figures (to three decimal places). Rounding is not to be applied.

What operating plants are not subject to this fee?

1. Distribution systems that are yet to be commissioned. If the pipelines are in the design phase or construction phase they are not to be included.
2. Distribution systems that have been decommissioned in the previous reporting period.
Note: if a distribution system was decommissioned within the current reporting period, you are still required to report and pay for this pipeline.
3. Owners of **consumer piping** that is located downstream of the distribution system gas meter or downstream from the first regulator in a fuel gas delivery network.

More information

For more information regarding the fee and reporting requirements, please email the Safety and Health Fee Unit via safetyandhealthfee@rshq.qld.gov.au.

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