

## **Customer Inquiry**

Friday: 8:30 – 9:30

Presenter: Therese Powers

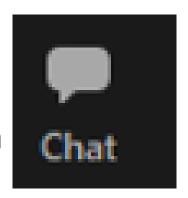
Monitor: Mark Meyer



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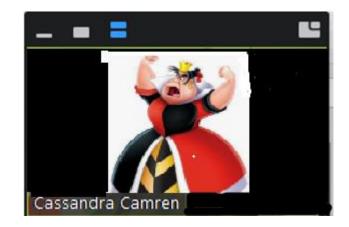






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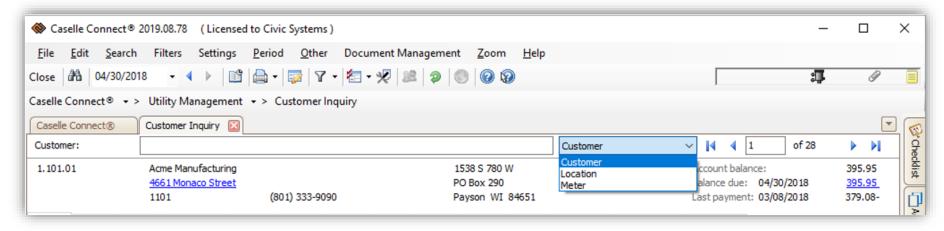
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## CUSTOMER INQUIRY Finding an Account

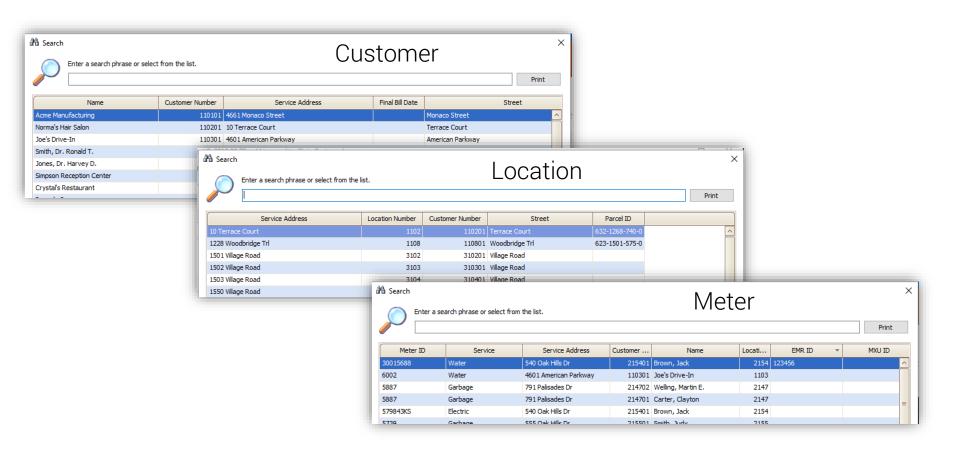


### Quick Search

- Customer search by Name or Customer Number
- Location search by Service Address, Location Number or Customer Number
- Meter search by Meter Number or Service Address

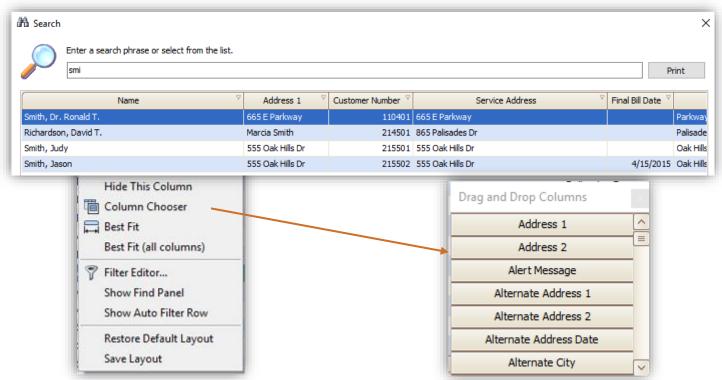


# Advanced Search (F9) Different based on the quick search option selected.





- Type in search, it searches on all fields displayed
  - Just start typing the wild card is assumed
- Add additional fields
  - Right click on the header > Select Column Chooser from the menu
    - Available fields depend on the quick search that was selected.
  - Example, select Address 1 from the Column Chooser. If the utility uses the Address 1 for additional names, they can now search for the additional names.





Filters can be used to refine your search as well.

Hover over the column header and click the filter icon that appears in the upper right corner.

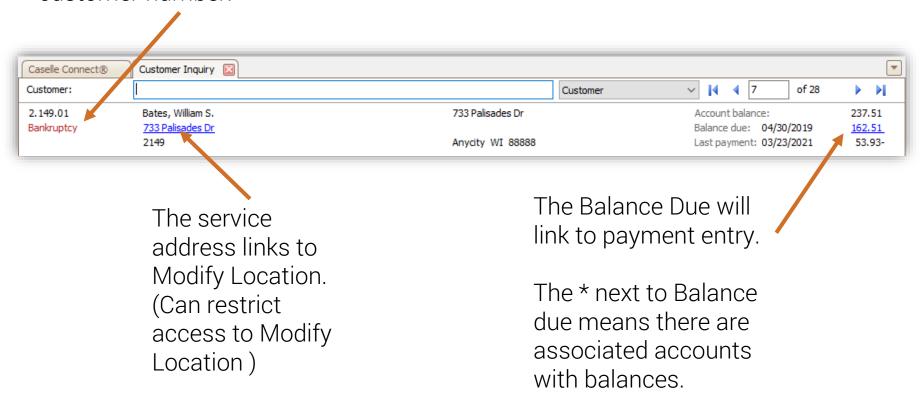
Once the search criteria gives the results needed, the results can be printed by clicking the Print button next to the search field.

9/15/2021			Search:		Page:
Name	Cosigner	Customer Number	Service Address	Final Bill Date	Street
Anycity School District - High School	ABC Managem	217101	1617 S Lake Rd		Lake Rd
Anycity School District - Middle School	ABC Managem	217201	1837 S Lake Rd		Lake Rd
Anycity School District - Elementary	ABC Managem	217301	1875 S Lake Rd		Lake Rd



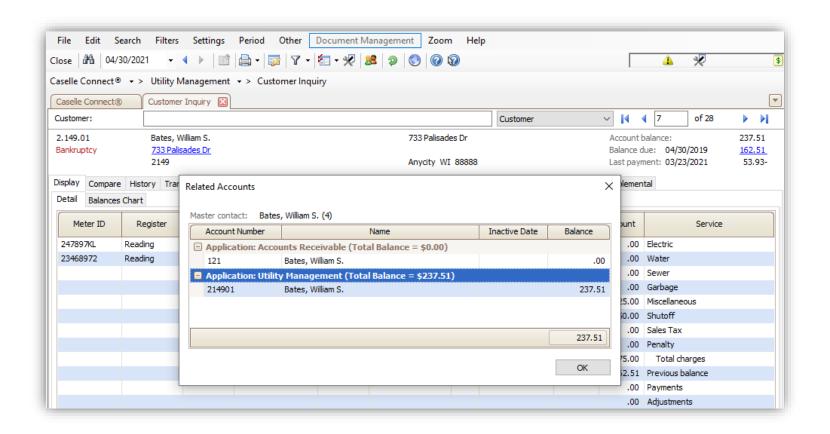
### **Customer Summary**

Collection Codes and Final or Disconnected statuses will appear in red under the customer number.





Click on the Show related accounts icon <a> to see</a> the associated accounts.

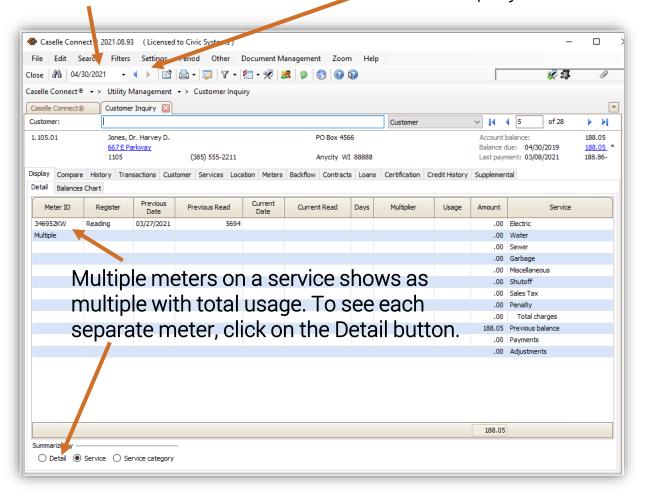




## Display

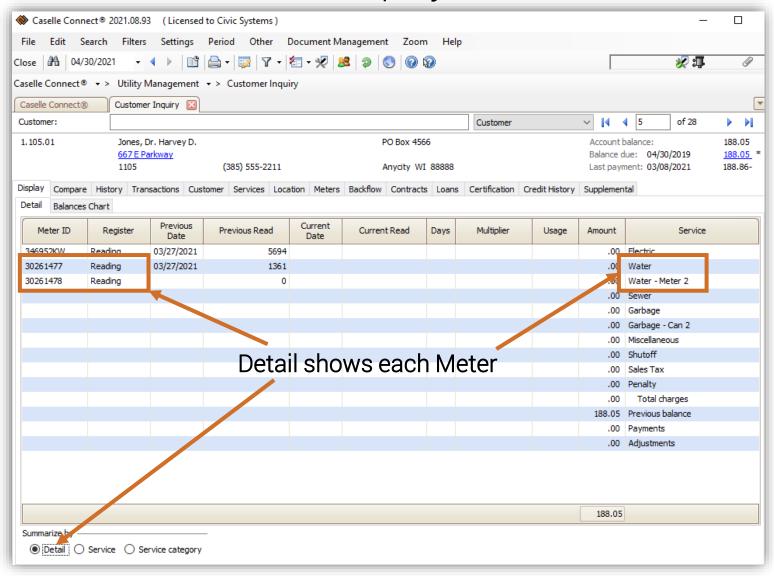
The Display tab shows the billing detail for the current period ending date.

Use the arrow keys to navigate to different period for the displayed customer.





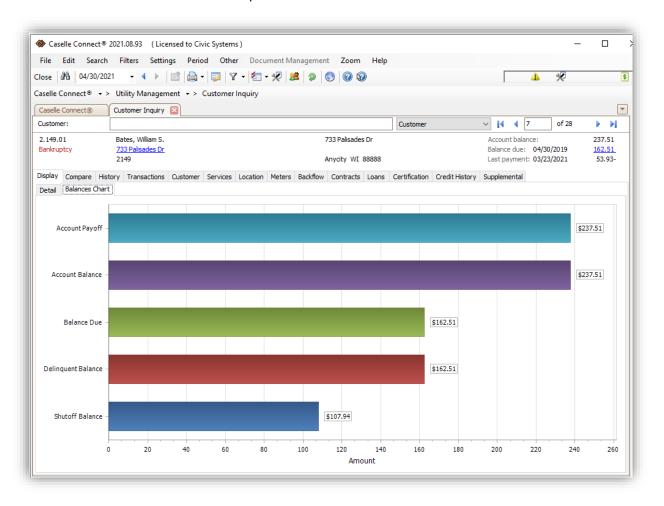
## Display





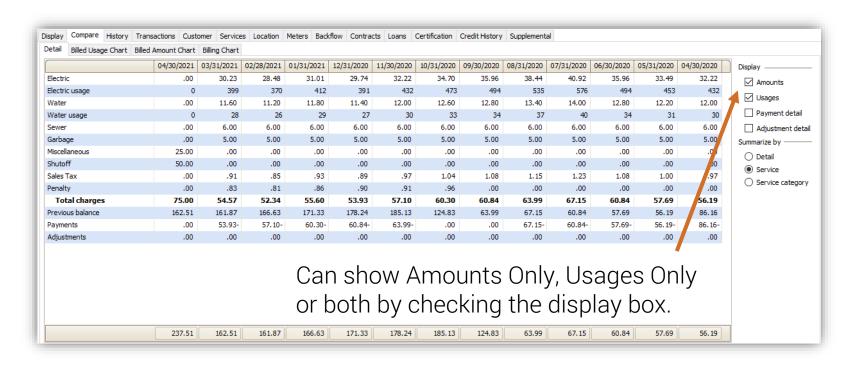
## Display Balances Chart

This will display the different balances on the account graphically. The Account Payoff includes remaining balances from contracts and loans. The other balances displayed are Account Balance, Balance Due, Delinquent Balance and Shutoff Balance.

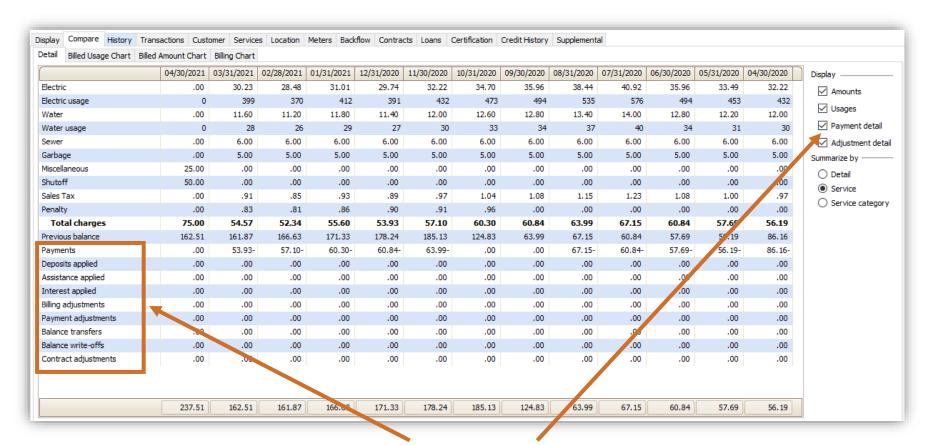




The compare tab shows up to 13 periods of billing history depending on the size of the window. No matter how many periods display the right-hand column is the same period last year.







Can show detail for payments and adjustments by checking the display boxes.



The data on the compare screen can be viewed 3 ways. By service is the default. Detail shows each meter when there are multiple meters.

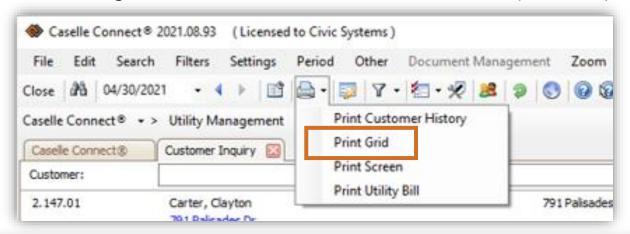


Service category totals by service category

Display Compare History	Transa	ctions Cust	omer Service	es Location	Meter Back	flow Contrac	cts Loans	Certification	Credn History	Supplement	al				
Detail Billed Usage Chart	Billed A	mount Chart	Billing Chart												
		04/30/2021	03/31/2021	02/28/2021	01/31/2021	12/31/2020	11/30/2020	10/31/2020	09/30/2020	08/31/2020	07/31/2020	06/30/2020	05/31/2020	04/30/2020	Display ———
ELECTRIC SERVICES		.28	.00	42.79	46.90	44.84	48.89	53.00	55.05	59.10	\$3,21	55.05	50.94	48.89	Amounts
ELECTRIC SERVICES usage		0	0	607	675	641	708	776	810	877	945	810	742	708	✓ Usages
WATER SERVICES	4	10.93	8.80	8.60	9.00	8.80	9.00	9.40	9.60	9.80	10.20	2 60	9.20	9.00	✓ Usages
WATER SERVICES usage		22	14	13	15	14	15	17	18	19	21	18	16	15	Payment detail
SEWER SERVICES		6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.20	6.00	Adjustment detail
OTHER SERVICES		.34	6.37	8.38	8.61	8.63	7.63	6.59	6.65	6.77	6.90	6.65	6.53	6.47	Summarize by
Total charges		17.55	21.17	65.77	70.51	68.27	71.52	74.99	77.30	81.67	86.31	77.30	72.67	70.50	O Detail
Previous balance		225.72	276.07	285.29	292.08	223.81	152.29	77.30	81.67	86.31	77.30	72.67	69.68	211.03	O Service
Payments		108.33-	71.52-	74.99-	77.30-	.00	.00	.00	81.67-	86.31-	77.30-	72.67-	69.68-	211.71-	_
Adjustments		.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	Service category



The compare tab is a great one to use Connect's Print Grid option to print history.

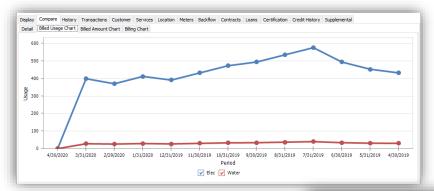


Anycity Corporation		Customer Inquiry - Compare 2.147.01, Clayton Carter, 791 Palisades Dr												
	04/30/2021	03/31/2021	02/28/2021	01/31/2021	12/31/2020	11/30/2020	10/31/2020	09/30/2020	08/31/2020	07/31/2020	06/30/2020	05/31/2020	04/30/2020	
Electric	.28	.00	42.79	46.90	44.84	48.89	53.00	55.05	59.10	63.21	55.05	50.94	48.89	
Electric usage	0	0	607	675	641	708	776	810	877	945	810	742	708	
Water	10.93	8.80	8.60	9.00	8.80	9.00	9.40	9.60	9.80	10.20	9.60	9.20	9.00	
Water usage	22	14	13	15	14	15	17	18	19	21	18	16	15	
Sewer	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	6.00	
Garbage	.33	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	5.00	
Miscellaneous	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
Shutoff	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
Sales Tax	.01	1.37	1.28	1.41	1.35	1.47	1.59	1.65	1.77	1.90	1.65	1.53	1.47	
Penalty	.00	.00	2.10	2,20	2.28	1.16	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
Total charges	17.55	21.17	65.77	70.51	68.27	71.52	74.99	77.30	81.67	86.31	77.30	72.67	70.36	
Previous balance	225.72	276.07	285.29	292.08	223.81	152.29	77.30	81.67	86.31	77.30	72.67	69.68	211.03	
Payments	108.33-	71.52-	74.99-	77.30-	.00	.00	.00	81.67-	86.31-	77.30-	72.67-	69.68-	211.71	
Adjustments	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	.00	
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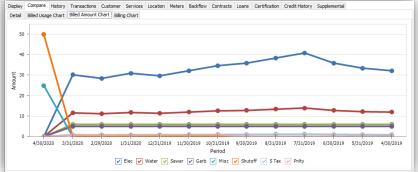
### Compare Charts

Compare has 3 chart options that can also be printed with Print Grid.

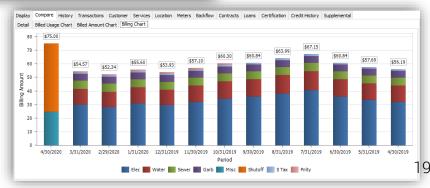


The Billing Usage Chart graphs the usage for the metered services. The services to display can be selected at the bottom.

The Billed Amount Chart graphs the dollar amounts billed for each service. The service to display can be selected at the bottom.



The Billing Chart is another graphical representation of the amounts billed for each service.



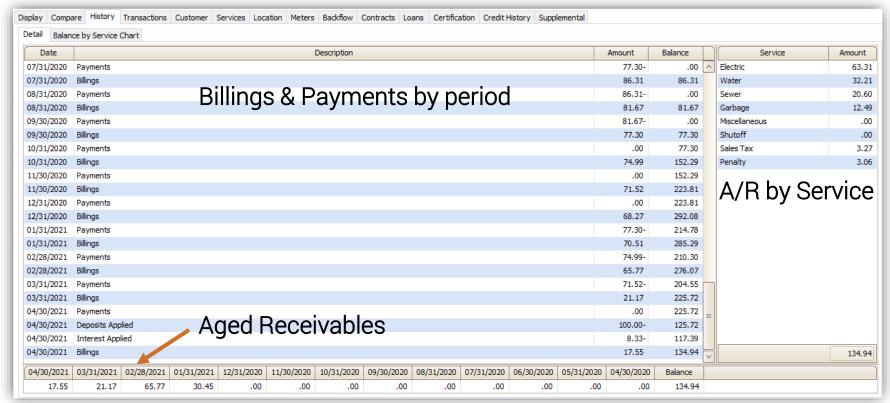


## History

The history screen has 3 separate sections:

The main section is a recap of Billings and Payments by period with a running AR balance. A/R by Service shows the current balance in each service. Previous period balances can be displayed by changing the period date in the icon bar.

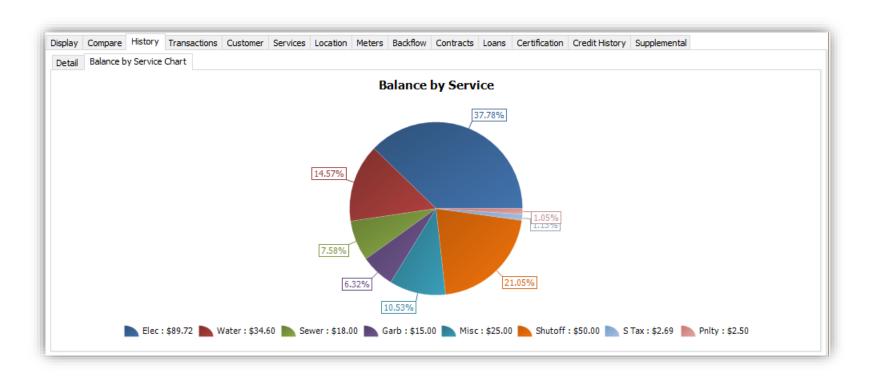
The bottom section is the aged receivables.





## History Balance by Service Chart

The Balance by Service Chart displays the service balances as a Pie Chart. It shows each service as a percentage of the account balance. This chart can also be printed with Print Grid.





#### **Transactions**

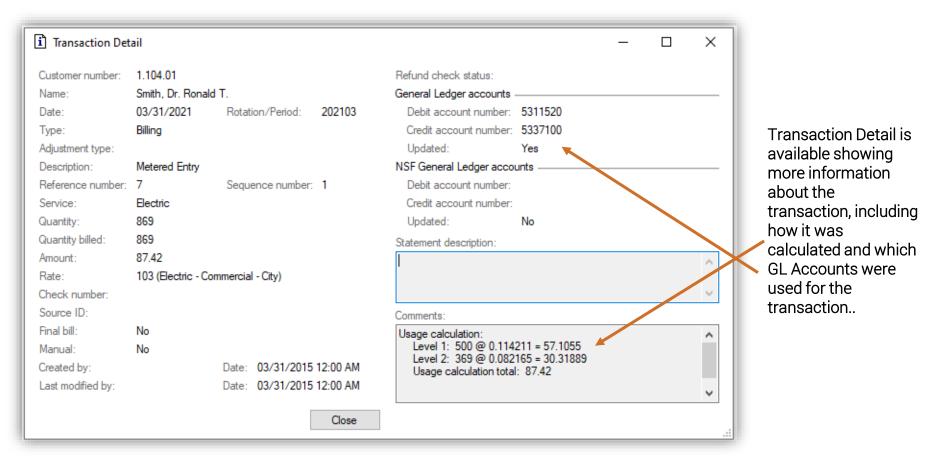
The transactions screen shows each financial transaction on the customer..
The column on the right shows all the transaction types that are being displayed. To remove certain types of transactions from the display, uncheck the box.
An \* means the transaction is a summarized total. To see the detail, uncheck the box for that transaction type under summarize on the bottom right side

pla	y Compare	History	ransactions Customer	Services	Location Met	ers Backflow Contracts	Loans Certification Credit His	tory Supplemental	
	Date	Тур	e Reference Number	Service	Quantity Billed	Description	Amount		Display
	Dute	176			Quartery bined	Description	Amount		✓ Assistance applied
i	12/31/2020	Billing	1 49	Garb	0	Automatic Billing	6.00		✓ Balance transfers
i	12/31/2020	Billing	1 49	S Tax	0	Automatic Billing	5.16		☑ Billing adjustments
i	01/13/2021	Pmt	29	*	0	Utility Payment	144.71-		☑ Billings
i	01/31/2021	Billing	7	Elec	896	Metered Entry	89.64		✓ Contract adjustments
i	01/31/2021	Billing	1 8	Water	20	Metered Entry	21.00		Contract billings
i	01/31/2021	Billing	1 43	Sewer	20	Automatic Billing	28.00		✓ Deposits applied ✓ Interest
=	01/31/2021	Billing	43	Garb	0	Automatic Billing	6.00		✓ Interest  ✓ Payment adjustments
_	01/31/2021	Billing		STax		Automatic Billing	5.38		Payments
=	02/05/2021	Pmt		*		Utility Payment	150,02-		✓ Reallocations
=	02/28/2021	Billing		Elec		Metered Entry	82.25		✓ Write-offs
=	02/28/2021	Billing		Water		Metered Entry	19.80		Summarize —
=	02/28/2021	Billing		Sewer		Automatic Billing	26,40		✓ Adjustments
=						3			✓ Billings
=	02/28/2021	Billing		Garb		Automatic Billing	6.00		✓ Interest
=	02/28/2021	Billing		S Tax		Automatic Billing	4.94		✓ Payments
i	03/08/2021	Pmt		*		Utility Payment	139.39-		
i	03/31/2021	Billing	7	Elec	869	Metered Entry	87.42		
i	03/31/2021	Billing	1 8	Water	19	Metered Entry	20.40		
i	03/31/2021	Billing	68	Sewer	19	Automatic Billing	27.20		
i	03/31/2021	Billing	68	Garb	0	Automatic Billing	6.00	_	
i	03/31/2021	Billing	68	STax	0	Automatic Billing	5.25		



#### Transaction Detail

To see more detail for a specific transaction either double click on it or click the on the right side of the transaction (in Connect).



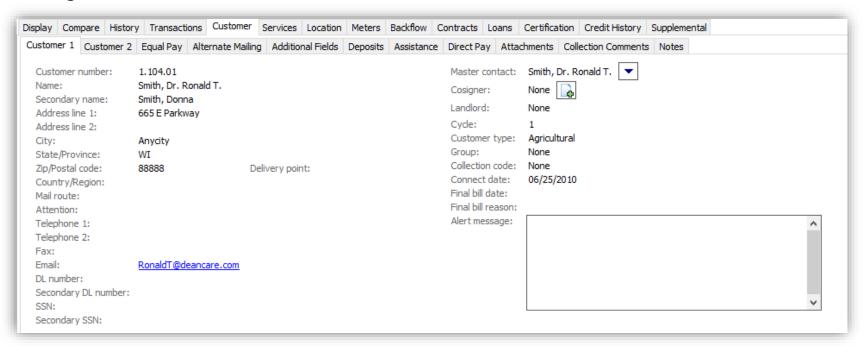


## Questions?



The Customer screen is comprised of several screens with customer specific information.

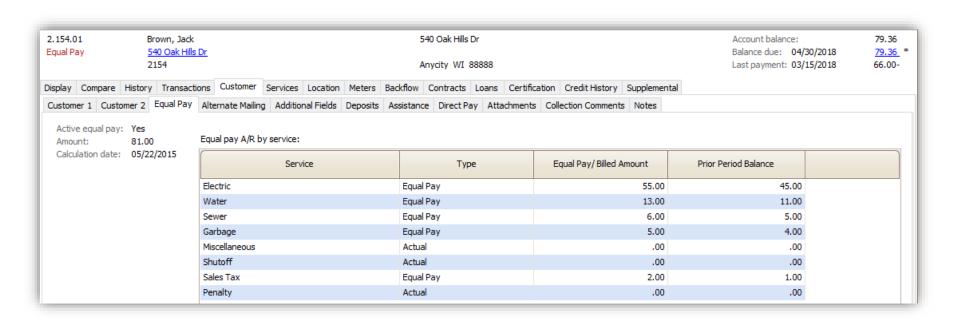
Customer 1 includes contact information, Cosigner/landlord and master contact and general customer account information



Customer 2 is rarely used unless you have Xpress Bill Pay or use Landlords

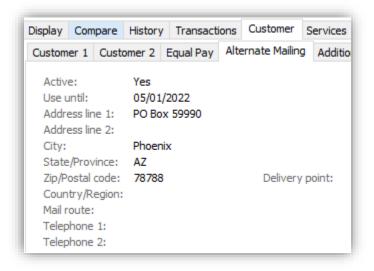


The Equal Pay screen shows the budget amount and when the budget was last calculated. If a customer has Equal Pay it will display under their customer number. The Account Balance and Balance Due are the actual balances on the account, not the Equal Pay balance.

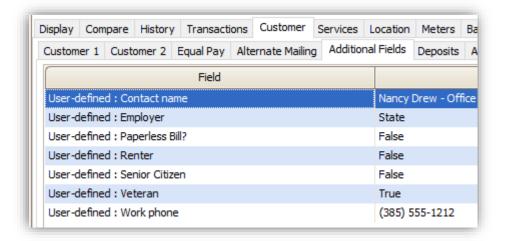




The Alternate Mailing Address is used to send mailings to a different address for a limited period of time. For example, snowbirds may want to receive their bills at their southern address for the winter. You can activate and deactivate the address by date or by checking the active box.

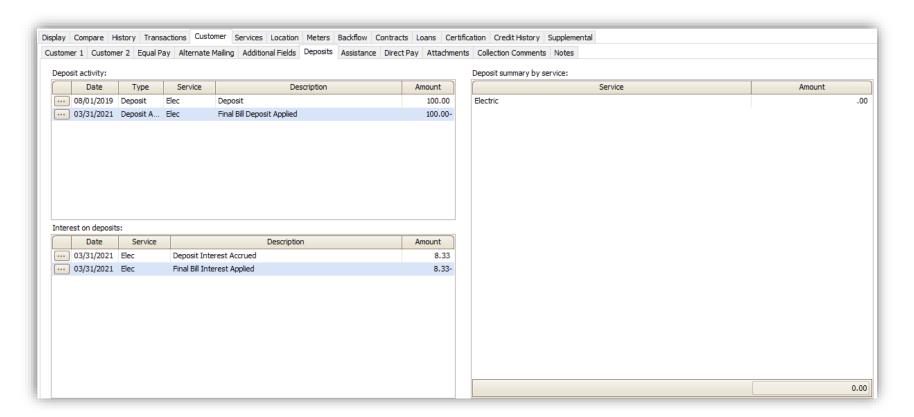


Customer User Defined Field values are displayed in Additional Fields.



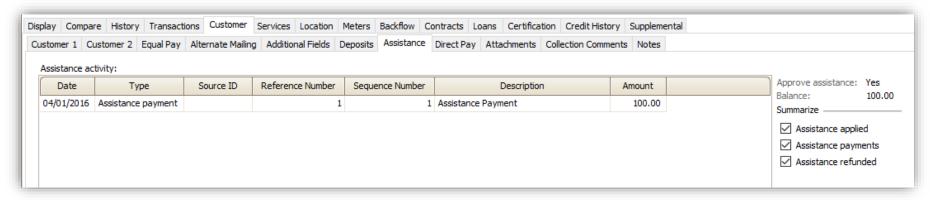


Deposit information is available on the deposit screen. It will show deposit activity such as deposits received applied or refunded and, interest accrued, applied or refunded and a summary of the deposit activity.

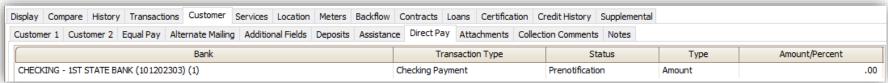




Energy Assistance is used when a large payment is received that is intended to be applied to energy services throughout the heating season. If the payment is applied directly to the customer's account, it will most likely create a credit balance and then the customer won't pay the balance of their other services with each billing. The payment is entered into Energy Assistance and the applied to the energy services prior to printing the bill, so the bill will go out for the balance of the other services and show that the energy services have been paid. This screen will track how much of the Energy Assistance Payment has been applied and how much is remaining.



Direct Pay shows the bank and direct pay status for ACH Customers.



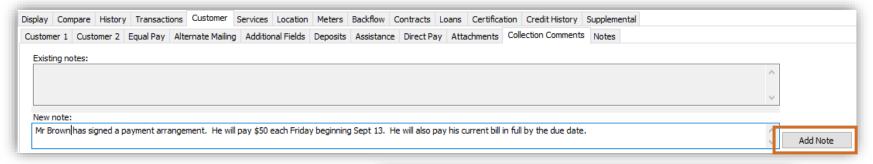


Attachments – any files can be attached to the customers accounts, applications, budget letters, utility bills, notices or pictures. Note: when using attachments make sure they are saved in a place on the server that will not change. Example Clarity\Attachments. The attachments are links like Microsoft shortcuts that can be broken if the files are moved.

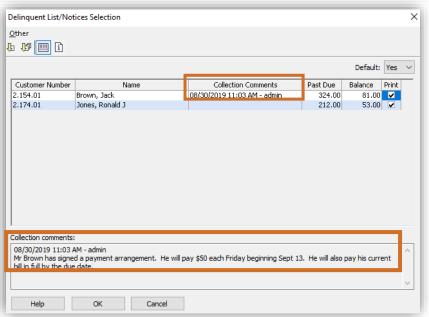




Collection Comments is one of two places data can be entered in Customer Inquiry. Any notes regarding the collection of the account should be entered here. Type in the comment and click Add Note. This will date and timestamp the note.

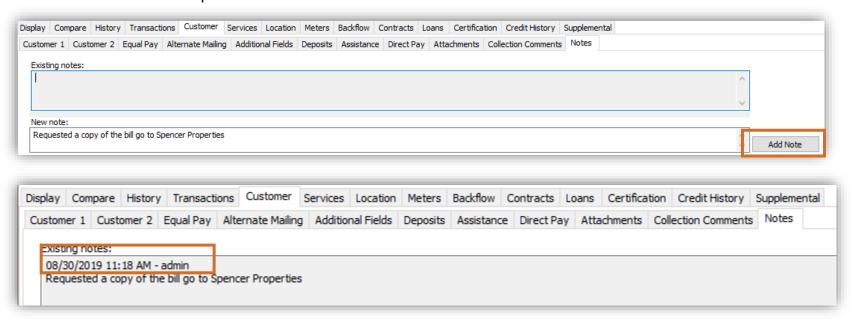


Notes entered in Collection Comments are available when selecting customers for Delinquent or Shutoff Notices.





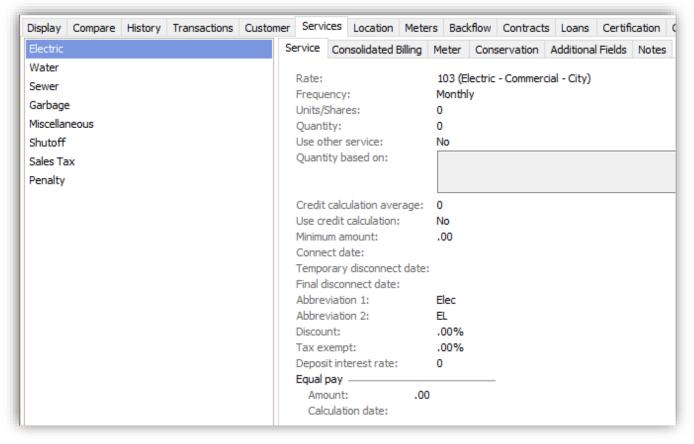
Notes is the other place data can be entered in Customer Inquiry. Any notes about the account other than those regarding the collection of the account should be entered here. Type in the comment and click Add Note. This will date and timestamp the note.





#### Services

Services is the billing control screen. This shows all the services being billed along with the rate, frequency and connect/disconnect dates. This is where Equal Pay amounts and Tax-Exempt percentages are stored.



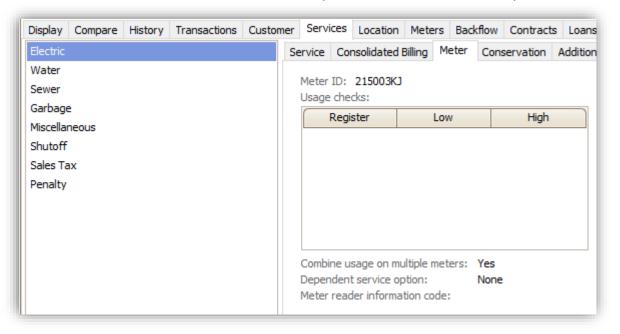
Note: If a service is no longer being billed for an account and it should not be billed on subsequent customers, make sure to put in a Final Disconnect Date If the Temporary disconnect date is used instead, the service will bill on the next customer



#### Services

For metered Services, the associated meter number will display on the Meter tab. If there are multiple meters on an account that need to have the usage combined for billing, that flag is set here.

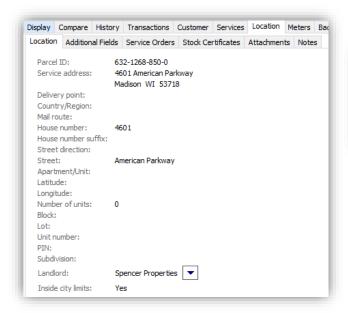
Deduct meters are also defined in the Dependent Service Option.

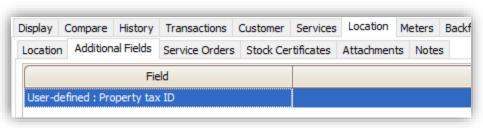




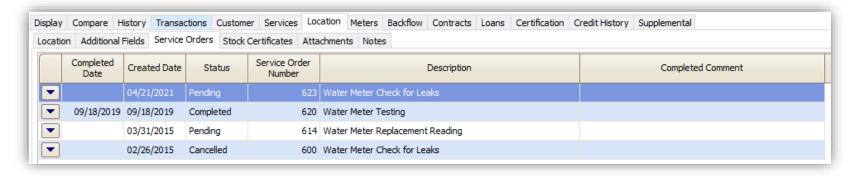
#### Location

The Location screen gives basic information about the location including service address, parcel id, location user defined fields and attachments.





All service order history about a location is available on the location screen.





#### Meters

The Meters screen lists all of the meters associated with a location.

The top part of this screen shows basic information about the highlighted meter: route/sequence, multiplier, size and communication numbers.

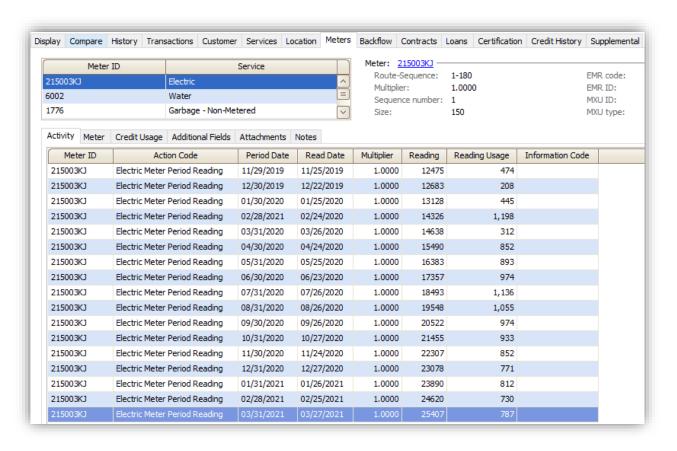
The hyperlink meter number (in blue) will take you directly to that meter in Modify Existing Meters if changes to the meter information need to be made.

isplay Compare Histor	y Transactions Customer	Services	Location Meters	Backflow	Contracts	Loans	Certification	Credit History	Supplemental		
Meter ID	Service		Meter: <u>215003KJ</u>								
215003KJ Electric		^	Route-Sequence Multiplier:	: 1-180 1.000							
6002	Water		Sequence numb		U			J ID:			
1776	Garbage - Non-Metered	~	Size:	150			MXU	J type:			



#### Meters

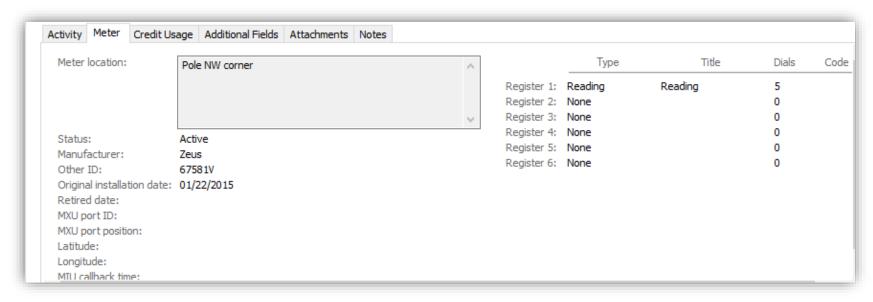
The Activity tab shows the reading history, including period meter readings, meter installs, removals, new connect reads and when using service orders any reading associated with Action codes that have been flagged to be included in Meter Activity.



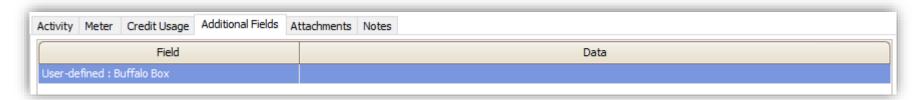


#### Meters

The Meter tab shows all information associated with the meter



User Defined Fields, Attachments and Notes associated with the meter are also displayed in Meters.





## Credit History

Credit History will show when Delinquent and Shutoff notices were sent to a customer. These dates are populated when Delinquent or Shutoff Notices are processed with the Update Credit Rating flag checked. If more than one notice was sent for a particular period, the word multiple will display. If you hover over it, it will list the notices that were sent. For example, Delinquent Notice & Cosigner Delinquent Notice. Automatically Apply Deposits/Interest can now use Credit History to determine if the customer is eligible for a refund.

splay   Compa	re History Tran	nsactions Cu	stomer   Services   L	ocation Meter	s Backflow	Contracts	Loans	Certification	Credit History	Supplemental
Period	Charges	Due Date	Balance	Delinquent	Shutoff		C	ollection Code		Periods:
04/30/2017	56.19	05/31/2017	56.19							Active since
05/31/2017	57.69	06/30/2017	57.69							Last shuto
06/30/2017	60.84	07/31/2017	60.84							Equal pay
07/31/2017	67.15	08/31/2017	67.15							Amount:
08/31/2017	63.99	09/30/2017	63.99							Calculat
09/30/2017	60.84	10/31/2017	124.83	10/30/2017	11/29/2017					
10/31/2017	60.30	11/30/2017	185.13	11/29/2017	12/30/2017					
11/30/2017	57.10	12/31/2017	178.24	12/30/2017	01/30/2018					
12/31/2017	53.93	01/31/2018	171.33	01/30/2018	02/27/2018					
01/31/2018	55.60	02/28/2018	166.63	02/27/2018						
02/28/2018	52.34	03/31/2018	161.87							
03/31/2018	54.57	04/30/2018	162.51							
04/30/2018	75.00	05/31/2018	237.51		08/14/2019					





In addition to all the information available in the tabs of Customer Inquiry, there are also links to additional information or processes from the icon ribbon.

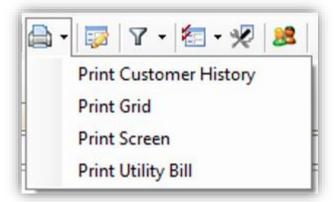
History Tracking will display any changes made to fields that have tracking turned on.







➡ Print has several different options available.



Print Customer History can link to your favorite Customer History report usually a 12-month history

Print Utility Bill can link to the Utility Bill reprint report.

Print Grid can be used to print any Customer Inquiry screen that looks like a grid or a chart. Those screens include Display, Compare, History, Transaction, Service Order History, Meter Activity and Credit History,

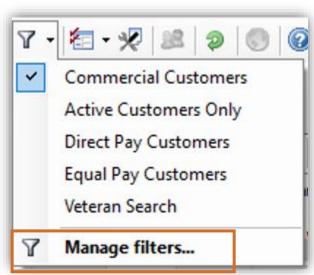
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Meter ID	Action Code	Period Date	Read Date	Multiplier	Reading	Reading Usage	Information Code
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511148KW	Electric Meter Period Reading	05/30/2019	05/22/2019	1.0000	26105	521	
511148KW	Electric Meter Period Reading	06/29/2019	06/22/2019	1.0000	26745	640	
511148KW	Electric Meter Period Reading	07/30/2019	07/23/2019	1.0000	27410	665	
511148KW	Electric Meter Period Reading	08/30/2019	08/24/2019	1.0000	28103	693	





- Links to Modify Existing Customer for the customer displaying in inquiry.
- Filters can be created to bring up only customers that meet the criteria entered in the filter. Multiple filters can be created and stored. The most popular filter is Active Customers.

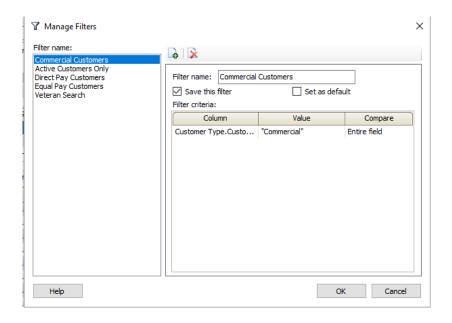
To create a filter, click on Manage filters



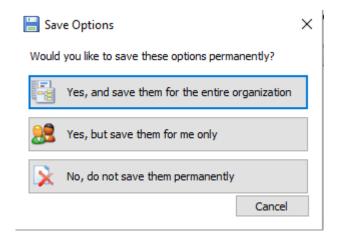




- Click Add
- 2. Enter the name of the filter
- Enter the criteria for the accounts needed
- 4. Click OK



5. When the Save Options come up Click Yes and save for the entire organization.







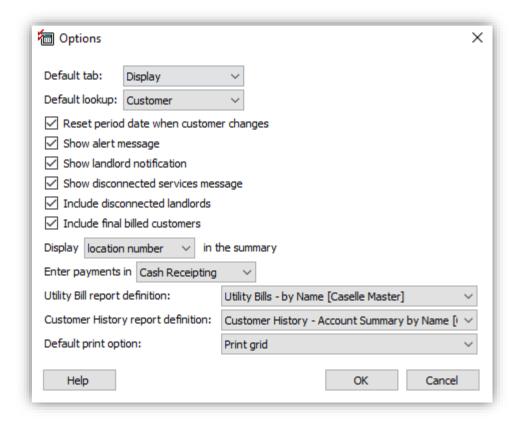
← Options allows some customization in Customer Inquiry.

#### Typical option changes:

- Default tab that opens when first going into Customer Inquiry.
- Default lookup if you use location instead of Customer

#### New Options in Connect

- Show Disconnected Services message
- Display Location number or city in the summary
- Enter Payments links to Cash Receipting or UM Enter Payments.







- Links to Create Service Orders for the customer displaying in inquiry.
- Refreshes the information in Customer Inquiry. If the customer inquiry tab has been open and new customers have been setup or existing customers have been modified, clicking on this will show all the new information.
  - ② Links to the online help screens.
  - Is "What's this Help." When it is turned on, it will explain what a data entry field is when the mouse hovers over it.



### Status Tray



The Status Tray in the upper right corner gives some quick information about the customer being displayed. Any of these icons will link to the information stored on the account. The user can see at a glance if the customer has information in the following areas:

- Alert Message
- Service Orders if a green check mark is on the icon, the orders are completed
- Backflow Device tracking
- Contract or Loan
- Attachments
- Collection Comments
- Notes
- If Landlords are used a house will be displayed, if it has green checkmark, it is the landlord account.



## QUESTIONS?