

CONSUMER DEPOSITS Rate 106

The Company will determine whether or not a deposit shall be required of an applicant for electric service in accordance with commission rules.

- a. The amount of such deposit shall not exceed one-sixth of the estimated annual bill. If a customer has no deposit or one which is inadequate in comparison with his recent bills for service the Company may collect an additional amount in order to bring the total deposit up to the foregoing standard. Should a customer be unable to pay the full amount of the deposit, the company shall accept payment of the deposit in reasonable installments not to exceed four months.
- b. The Company may accept in lieu of a cash deposit a contract signed by a guarantor, satisfactory to the Company, whereby the payment of a specified sum not to exceed the required cash deposit is guaranteed. The term of such contract shall automatically terminate after the customer has established credit that would result in return of a deposit or at the guarantor's request upon sixty days written notice to the Company. However, no agreement shall be terminated without the customer having made satisfactory settlement for any balance which the customer owes the Company. Upon termination of a guarantee contract a new contract or a cash deposit may be required by the Company.
- c. The customer may in lieu of a deposit be placed on an early payment list whereby customer shall pay the service bill within a minimum of five working days. However for early payment, early disconnection shall be proper when a customer fails to pay the service bill within a minimum of five working days.

A deposit shall earn interest at the rate of 7% per year for such period as the customer receives service. Interest shall be credited to the customer's account annually during the month of December.

Deposits shall be refunded to customers at termination provided all billings for service have been paid. Deposits will be refunded to all active customers, after the deposit has been held for twelve months, provided satisfactory credit has been established.

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