

Digipath Digital Service

5. Issuance, Payment and Crediting of Customer Bills
5.1 Advance Payments and Deposits

5.1.1 Description	
A.	Applicants for service who have no account with the Telephone Company or whose financial responsibility is not a matter of general knowledge, may be required to make an advance payment at the time an application for service is placed with the Telephone Company equal to the NRCs if applicable and at least one month's charges for the service provided. The amount of the advance payment is credited to the customer's account as applying to any indebtedness of the customer for the service furnished.
B.	The Telephone Company may, in order to safeguard its interests, require an applicant or customer for service to make a deposit to be held by the Telephone Company as a guarantee of the payment of charges. Such deposit will be equivalent to up to two months charges for the service except that, where the service involves equipment to which charges are applicable for discontinuance of use prior to the expiration of a specified period, the deposit will include an additional amount not to exceed the maximum charge applicable for such discontinuance of use, as provided in this tariff. The fact that a deposit has been made in no way relieves the applicant or customer from complying with the provisions set forth in this section and the prompt payment of bills on presentation.
1.	At such time as the service is terminated the amount of the deposit is credited to the customer's account and any credit balance which may remain is refunded. At the option of the Telephone Company such a deposit may be refunded or credited to the customer at any time prior to the termination of service.
C.	In case of a cash deposit, simple interest at the rate prescribed from time to time by the PSC, is paid for the period during which the deposit is held by the Telephone Company.