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## **SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

- 2.9 Deposits And Advance Payments
  - 2.9.1 Deposits or advance payments may be collected from Customers or potential Customers whose credit or payment history is unsatisfactory or unknown to the Company. For residential Customers, this amount will not exceed \$75.00.
  - 2.9.2 In determining whether a Customer's or potential Customer's credit history is unsatisfactory, the Company will consider (i) the Customer's payment history with the Company, (ii) the Customer's ability to demonstrate adequate ability to pay for the service, (iii) credit and related information provided by the Customer, lawfully obtained from third parties or publicly available, and (iv) information relating to Customer's management, owners and affiliates. Customers whose payment or credit history is determined by the Company to present an undue risk may be required at any time to provide the Company a security deposit, in cash or the equivalent of cash, up to an amount equal to the applicable installation charges, if any, and/or two months actual or estimated usage charges for the service to be provided. In the case of a cash deposit, simple interest per annum pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Commission shall be credited or paid to the Customer while the deposit is held by the Company. Such deposit may be refunded to the Customer's account at the end of six (6) months of satisfactory credit history. A current residential Customer, other than a delinquent Customer will not be required to post a security deposit.

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