

The Advance Payment is due ten (10) business days following the date the Company confirms acceptance of the order, or on the application date, whichever is later. If the Advance Payment is not received by such payment date, the order may be canceled. When the Customer cancels an ASR, the order will be withdrawn. Any Advance Payment made will not be credited or refunded.

2.7 Deposits

Applicants for Service or existing Customers whose financial condition is not acceptable to the Company, or is not a matter of general knowledge, may be required in the Company's sole discretion at any time to provide the Company with a security Deposit. The Deposit requested will be in cash or the equivalent of cash, up to an amount equal to the applicable installation charges, if any, and/or up to three months' actual or estimated usage charges for Service to be provided. Any Applicant or Customer also may be required, at any time, whether before or after the Service Commencement Date, to provide such other assurances of, or security for, the payment of the Company's charges for its Services as the Company may deem necessary, including, without limitation, Advance Payments, third party guarantees of payment, pledges or other grants of security interests in the Customer's assets and similar arrangements. The required Deposit or other security may be increased or decreased by the Company as it deems appropriate in light of changing conditions. In addition, the Company shall be entitled to require such an Applicant or Customer to pay all its bills within a specified period of time, and to make such payments in cash or the equivalent of cash. In case of a cash Deposit, simple interest at a rate of 6 percent annually will be paid for the period during which the Deposit is held by the Company unless a different rate has been established by the appropriate legal authority in the jurisdiction in which the Company Service in question is provided. At the Company's sole discretion, such Deposit may be refunded to the Customer's account at any time. Also, the Company reserves the right to cease accepting and processing Service Orders after it has requested a security Deposit and prior to the Customer's compliance with this request.