

2.5 Establishing Credit

- 2.5.1 The Company may conduct a credit investigation of each new Customer or Applicant prior to accepting a Service Order, a Deposit or an Advance Payment. An Applicant who cannot establish a satisfactory credit standing, or a Customer whose Service has been discontinued for non-payment of bills for any Service subject to this Tariff, may be required to provide the Company a security Deposit at any time.
- 2.5.2 The Company may, in order to assure payment of its charges for Service, require Applicants and existing Customers to establish and maintain credit acceptable to the Company.
- 2.5.3 The establishment and reestablishment of acceptable credit does not relieve the Applicant or Customer from compliance with other provisions in this Tariff as to Advance Payments and the payment of charges or Fees due, and will in no way modify the provisions regarding disconnection and Termination of Service for failure to pay bills due for Service or facilities furnished.
- 2.5.4 A Customer may be required to reestablish credit in accordance with this Tariff when the amount of Service furnished has changed, or the Company determines the basis on which credit was formerly established has changed.

2.6 Advance Payments

To safeguard its interests, the Company may require a Customer to make an Advance Payment before Services and facilities are provided. The Advance Payment will not exceed an amount equal to the Non-Recurring Charge(s) and three months' charges for the Service or facility. In addition, where Special Construction is involved, the Advance Payment may also include an amount equal to the estimated Non-Recurring Charges for the Special Construction and Recurring Charges (if any) for a period to be set between the Company and the Customer. The Advance Payment will be credited to the Customer's first bill. An Advance Payment may be required in addition to a Deposit.