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GENERAL INFORMATION

<u>5. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE (Cont'd)</u>

A. DISCONTINUANCE OF SERVICE DUE TO DEFAULT (Cont'd)

(13) <u>Deferred Payment Agreements</u>

(a) Residential

- Any residential customer or applicant is eligible, in accordance with 16 NYCRR 11.10 for a payment agreement except a customer who:
 - has defaulted on an existing payment agreement unless the terms of the defaulted agreement required payments ver a shorter period of time than the standard agreement under Rule 5.A. (13)(a)(ii)(aa) and 16 NYCRR 11.10.
 - (bb) the Commission or its authorized designee determines that the customer or applicant has the resources to pay the bill.

The Company will negotiate in good faith with any eligible customer or applicant in order to enter into an agreement that is fair and equitable considering the customers or applicant's financial circumstances.

The Company may require a customer or applicant to complete a form detailing assets, income and expenses. Reasonable documentation to substantiate the information provided may also be required. The Company shall treat the financial information as confidential.

The Company shall make a written offer of a payment agreement; not less than seven calendar days (10 days if mailed) before the earliest date on which termination may occur, when payment of outstanding charges is a requirement for acceptance of an application for service, when payment of outstanding charges is a requirement for reconnection of service, or as required after a defaulted payment agreement that was for a term shorter than Rule 5.a.(13)(a)(ii)(aa) and 16 NYCRR 11.10.

The Company may postpone a scheduled termination of service up to ten calendar days after the date stated in the final notice of termination or the purpose of negotiating payment agreement terms, provided the customer is advised of such postponement.

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