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#### **GENERAL INFORMATION**

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

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

## (13) Deferred Payment Agreements

### (b) Nonresidential

- (i) Any nonresidential customer is eligible for a deferred payment agreement except:
  - (aa) A customer who owes any amounts under a prior deferred payment agreement; or
  - (bb) A customer who failed to make timely payments under a prior deferred payment agreement in effect during the previous 12 months; or
  - (cc) A customer that is a publicly held company or a subsidiary thereof; or
  - (dd) A seasonal, short-term or temporary customer; or
  - (ee) A gas customer who during the previous 12 months had a combined total consumption for all its accounts with the Company in excess of 4000 therms.
  - (ff) A customer who the Company can demonstrate has the resources to pay the bill, provided that the Company notifies the customer of the Company's reasons and of the customer's right to contest this determination through the Commission's complaint procedures.

The Commission or its authorized designee may order the Company to offer a deferred payment agreement in accordance with this Rule to a customer whom it finds 16 NYCRR 13.5 is intended to protect, when an agreement is necessary for a fair and equitable resolution of an individual complaint.

The Company shall provide a written notice offering a deferred payment agreement to an eligible customer not less than five calendar days before the date of a scheduled termination of service for nonpayment of arrears, or eight calendar days if mailed, provided the customer has been a customer for at least six months and the arrears on which the outstanding final termination notice is based exceeds two months average billing.

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