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GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont.)

IX. ALTERNATIVE BILLING OPTIONS

A. Billing Agency Arrangements

ESCOs/Marketers and the Company may elect to offer customers a "Billing Agency" arrangement in which the customer will authorize an ESCO/Marketer to act as a Billing Agent, hereafter ESCO/Marketer/Billing Agent, to receive the customers' bills from the Company, consolidate them with the ESCO/Marketer/Billing Agent's charges, rebill the entire amount to the customer, receive payments from the customer, and then remit payments to the Company for its services, with the balance being retained by or transmitted to the ESCO/Marketer. The customer must consent to the Billing Agency arrangement before it may be used as the mechanism to bill the customer.

1. To provide a Billing Agency arrangement, the ESCO/Marketer/Billing Agent must comply with the conditions listed below:
 - a. Unless the ESCO/Marketer/Billing Agent has requested and qualified for pro rata payment application, as provided in Section IX(A)(3), below, the ESCO/Marketer/Billing Agent must apply all customer payments, unless otherwise directed by the customer, first to the Company's charges, past due and current, then to ESCO/Marketer/Billing Agent charges, past due and current. If the customer has entered into a deferred payment agreement with the Company, customer payments shall be applied, first to current Company charges, including the agreed upon installment payment under the deferred payment agreement, then to ESCO/Marketer/Billing Agent charges, past due and current. If a customer with a deferred payment agreement pays more than the current bill and agreed upon installment payment charges, payments should be allocated first to all current plus agreed upon deferred charges and the balance first to the Company and then to the ESCO/Marketer/Billing Agent account, unless otherwise directed by the customer.

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