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17. CONSUMER DEPOSITS

A. Deposit Requirements

1. Residential

- a. The Company may require a consumer deposit from new seasonal or short-term residential customers.
- b. The Company may require a consumer deposit from residential customers as a condition of receiving utility service if such customers are delinquent in payment of their utility bills. A current customer is delinquent for the purpose of a deposit assessment if such customer:
 - (1) accumulates two consecutive months of arrears without making reasonable payment, defined as one-half of the total arrears, of such charges before the time that a late payment charge would become applicable, or fails to make a reasonable payment on a bimonthly bill within 50 days after the bill is due; provided that the Company requests such deposit within two months of such failure to pay; or
 - (2) had utility service terminated for nonpayment during the preceding six months.

Customers included in Subsection 1. above shall be provided a written notice, at least 20 days before the deposit is assessed, that the failure to make timely payment will permit the Company to require a deposit from such customer. If a deposit from a current residential customer who is delinquent by virtue of his or her failure to make a reasonable payment of arrears, is required, the Company shall permit such customer to pay the deposit in installments over a period not to exceed 12 months.

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