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GENERAL INFORMATION

8. BILLING AND COLLECTIONS: (CONT'D)

0. Customer Deposits and Refunds:

(1) Deposit Requirements - Residential:

The Company may require a customer deposit from seasonal or short-term residential customers taking service for a term that does not exceed one (1) year, from applicants who do not provide proof of their identity upon application for service, and from residential customers as a condition of receiving gas service if such customer is delinquent in payment of his or her utility bills. A current customer is delinquent for the purpose of a deposit assessment if such customer:

- (a) accumulates two (2) consecutive months of arrears without making reasonable payment, defined as one-half (1/2) 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 bi-monthly bill within fifty (50) days after the bill is due; provided that the Company requests such deposit within two (2) months of such failure to pay; or
- (b) had utility service terminated for non-payment during the preceding six (6) months.

Customers included in Section 8.O.(1) of this Schedule will be provided a written notice, at least twenty (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 will permit such customer to pay the deposit in installments over a period not to exceed twelve (12) months.

(2) Deposit Requirements - Non-Residential:

- (a) The Company may only require the payment of a security deposit from:
 - (i) a new customer; or
 - (ii) an existing customer;

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