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## II. 2.c. CONTINUED

- (b) If a deposit review shows that the deposit held exceeds the amount that the Company may lawfully require by 25 percent or more, the utility shall refund the excess deposit to the non-residential customer.

Upon request of a non-residential customer for a downward revision of the deposit, which request is substantiated both by the non-residential customer's billing history and by a permanent documented change in load and consumption, the Company shall refund any portion of the deposit in excess of the amount the Company may lawfully require.

### (7) Deposit Return

The Company shall return a deposit or portion thereof plus the applicable interest as soon as reasonably possible, but no more than 30 calendar days after:

- (a) the day an account is closed;
- (b) the issuance date of the first cycle bill rendered after a three year period during which all bills were timely paid, provided there is no other basis for the Company to request a deposit pursuant to this tariff; or
- (c) a deposit review shows that deposit reduction is warranted.

A deposit or portion thereof plus the applicable interest that is subject to return may be credited to the account it secured for outstanding charges and charges projected for the next bill. The Company may also credit another account of the customer's in the amount of the arrears on the account. If a balance remains after the Company has credited the non-residential customer's account(s), a refund check shall be issued to the non-residential customer.

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