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SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

2.5 Payment Arrangements (Cont'd.)

2.5.6 Deposits (Cont'd.)

D. For Residential Customers (Cont'd.)

3. Recent Payment History

A Customer who has a recent payment history (within the preceding twelve months) with the Company are entitled to service without payment of a deposit unless their records indicate that they are delinquent in payment or have had service terminated for nonpayment. A Customer who still owes money to the Company for residential service on a prior account shall be offered a deferred payment plan provided that the Customer had service for three months and was not terminated for nonpayment during that period.

New deposits from a residential Customer is reviewed after the first three (3) monthly bills have been rendered; if too much has been taken, the excess is returned. The entire deposit is returned to a residential Customer after 1 year, unless the Customer is delinquent in payment, in which case the Company may continue to retain the deposit until the delinquency is satisfied. If the service is discontinued, the deposit is applied against the final bill, and any balance is returned to the Customer.

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