



RULE 7
DEPOSITS

Sheet 1

A. Amount of Deposit

1. The amount of deposit required to establish credit for a residential account or Small Business Customer, as defined in Rule 1, shall not exceed twice the average monthly bill as determined by the Utility. The amount of deposit required to re-establish credit for a residential account, shall not exceed twice the maximum monthly bill as determined by the Utility. Re-establishment deposits for Small Business Customers shall not exceed twice the average monthly bill as determined by the Utility.
2. The amount of deposit required to establish or re-establish credit for a non-residential account that does not otherwise qualify as a Small Business Customer, as defined in Rule 1, shall not exceed twice the maximum monthly bill as determined by the Utility.

B. Return of Deposit

1. Good Standing, Active Customer. When the customer has received continuous service and has paid gas bills on all of its accounts before becoming past due as set forth in Rule 11, for a period of 12 consecutive months and is an active customer, the Utility will return the deposit with interest as provided under Section C hereof. When eligible, the deposit is to be returned or applied to the customer's billing provided that the customer's credit would, thereafter, be otherwise established under Rule 6.
2. Customer Initiated Termination of Service. When the customer has requested that the service be terminated, the deposit, plus any applicable interest, will be returned. In cases in which there are charges due the Utility for gas service to the customer, the deposit, plus any applicable interest, will be applied to such charges and any remaining amount will be returned to the customer.
3. Termination for Non-Payment of Bills. When the service is permanently terminated for non-payment of charges for gas service, the deposit will be applied to such charges and any remaining amount will be returned to the customer. Deposits will not be applied as payment for past due bills to avoid discontinuance of service.

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C. Interest on Deposit

1. Except as provided in C.2 below, the Utility will pay interest, compounded monthly, at a rate of 1/12 of the interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3 months), published the prior month in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15. Should publication of the interest rate on Commercial Paper (prime, 3 months) be discontinued, interest will so accrue at the rate of 1/12 of the interest rate on Commercial Paper, which most closely approximates the discontinued rate, and which is published the prior month in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, H.15, or its successor publication. Such earned interest will be paid at the time the deposit is returned or applied to the customer's account.
2. Interest will be paid in full month increments only. No interest will be paid if service was temporarily or permanently discontinued for non-payment of bills within the past 12 months, or the account was past due more than once during the past six months or more than twice during the past 12 months. An account is past due if not paid within the period as set forth in Rule 11.

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