Rule No. 7

DEPOSITS

A. Amounts to Establish Credit

1. Metered Service
   a. To establish credit by deposit, the amount for residential service requiring not more than one 5/8 x 3/4-inch meter will be $30 when bills are rendered monthly or $60 when bills are rendered bimonthly.

   b. To establish credit by deposit, the amount for all other service will be twice the estimated average periodic bill when bills are rendered monthly or bimonthly, but in any event not more than twice the estimated bimonthly bill nor less than the amounts set forth above.

2. Flat Rate Service
   No deposit will be required, except as prescribed for temporary service in Rule No. 13.

B. Amount to Re-establish Credit

1. Former Customers

   To re-establish credit for an applicant who previously has been a customer of the Utility and during the last 12 months of that prior service has had service discontinued for nonpayment of bills, the amount will be twice the estimated average monthly or bimonthly bill to be rendered for the service requested.

2. Present Customers

   To re-establish credit for a customer whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of bills, the amount will be twice the average monthly or bimonthly bill to be rendered for that service.

C. Applicability to Unpaid Accounts

Deposits made under this rule will be applied to unpaid bills for service when such service has been discontinued.

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D. Return of Deposits  

1. Upon discontinuance of service, the Utility will refund the balance of the customer’s deposit in excess of unpaid bills for that service for which the deposit was made.  

2. Deposits will be returned to customers after being held for 12 consecutive months, provided that all bills for service are paid prior to becoming past due. The return of the deposit will be made with interest as provided in Paragraph E of this rule.  

E. Interest on Deposit  

Interest on deposit held will be paid by the Utility at the rate of 7/12 percent per month (7% annually) upon discontinuance of service, or after the deposit has been held for 12 consecutive months, provided that all bills are paid prior to becoming past due. No interest shall accrue after mailing to the customer or to the customer’s last known address the refund or a notice that the refund is payable.