

SECTION VII - DEPOSITS

1. **Deposits.**

The Company may require a minimum cash deposit or other guaranty to secure payment of bills except for customers qualifying for service reconnection pursuant to 807 KAR 5:006, Section 15, Winter Hardship Reconnection. Service may be refused or discontinued for failure to pay the requested deposit. Interest, as prescribed by KRS 278.460, will be paid annually either by refund or credit to the customer's bill.

The deposit may be waived by the Company upon a customer's showing of satisfactory credit or payment history, and required residential service deposits will be returned after one (1) year if the customer has established a satisfactory payment record for that period; but commercial deposits will be retained during the entire time that the account remains active. If a deposit has been waived or returned and the customer fails to maintain a satisfactory payment record, a deposit may then be required. The Company may require a deposit in addition to the initial deposit if the customer's classification of service changes or if there is a substantial change in usage. Upon termination of service, the deposit, any principal amounts, and any interest earned and owing will be credited to the final bill with any remainder refunded to the customer.

In determining whether a deposit will be required or waived, information such as the following may be considered:

1. Previous payment history with the Company. If the customer has no previous history with the Company, statements from other utilities, banks, etc. may be presented by the customer as evidence of good credit.
2. Whether the customer has filed bankruptcy proceedings within the last seven years.
3. Whether another customer with a good payment history is willing to sign as a guarantor for an amount equal to the required deposit.

A security deposit will be required pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 366 in all bankruptcies where the Company is listed as a creditor.

If a deposit is held longer than 18 months, the deposit will be recalculated at the customer's request based on the customer's actual usage. If the deposit on account differs from the recalculated amount by more than \$10.00 for a residential customer or 10 percent for a non-residential customer, the Company may collect any underpayment and shall refund any overpayment by check or credit to the customer's bill. No refund will be made if the customer's bill is delinquent at the time of the recalculation.

2. **All Calculated Deposits.**

Customer deposits shall be based upon actual usage of the customer at the same or similar premises for the most recent 12-month period, if such information is available. If usage information is not available, the deposit will be based on the average bills of similar customers and premises in the system. The deposit amount shall not exceed two-twelfths (2/12) of the customer's actual or estimated annual bill

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