

RULE NO. 6

ESTABLISHMENT AND REESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

Each applicant for service will be required to establish his credit to the satisfaction of the Company before service will be rendered.

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

1. The applicant's credit will be deemed established:
 - a. If applicant for residential service is the principal owner of the premises to be served, or is the principal owner of real estate within the district of the Company in which service is requested, adequate proof of which may be required by the Company; or
 - b. If applicant for nonresidential service is the principal owner of the premises to be served, with an equity satisfactory to the Company, adequate proof of which may be required by the Company; or
 - c. If applicant makes a cash deposit with the Company to secure the payment of any bills for service to be furnished by the Company under the application as provided in Rule No. 7; or
 - d. If applicant furnishes a guarantor satisfactory to the Company to secure payment of bills for the service requested; or
 - e. If applicant has previously been a customer of the Company, and has paid all bills for gas service on the average within a period as set forth in Rule No. 11(A)(1) for a period of 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the date when the applicant for service previously ceased to take service from the Company, provided such service occurred within two years from the date of the new application for service; or
 - f. If applicant can otherwise establish credit to the satisfaction of the Company.

2. In the case of a master metered establishment which is subject to termination for nonpayment of bills by the landlord, the residential tenants may become customers of the Utility by establishing credit as set forth above in Sections A.1.c. and A.1.d. Where prior service is being considered as a condition for establishing credit, proof of prompt payment while residing at such master metered establishment for the immediately preceding 12 months shall be acceptable to the Utility as a satisfactory equivalent.

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B. REESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

1. An applicant who previously has been a customer of the Company and during the last 12 months of that prior service has suffered discontinuance of gas service because of nonpayment of bills, may be required to reestablish his credit by depositing the amount prescribed in Rule No. 7(B)(1) for that purpose.
2. A customer whose gas service has been discontinued for nonpayment of bills for gas service within 15 days after presentation may be required before service is restored to reestablish his credit by depositing the amount prescribed in Rule No. 7(B)(2)(a) for that purpose.
3. A customer who receives a bill that is two months past due or who becomes delinquent in the payment of a total of six monthly bills within a 12 consecutive month period may be required to reestablish his credit by depositing the amount prescribed in Rule No. 7(B)(2)(b) for that purpose.
4. A nonresidential customer may be required to reestablish his credit in accordance with Rule No. 6(A) where the conditions of service or basis on which credit was originally established have, in the opinion of the Company, materially changed, or if, after investigation, a condition of risk is determined to exist.