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GENERAL INFORMATION

10. GENERAL RETAIL ACCESS - MULTI-RETAILER MODEL (Cont'd)

3. Creditworthiness Standards:

(a) Applicability:

The creditworthiness rules in accordance with the UBP Addendum will apply.

(b) Financial Information:

The Company may seek financial information from an ESCO/DC for the sole purpose of verifying financial information reported by Dunn & Bradstreet. The Company will have the option to require an ESCO/DC to post security to cover the ESCO/DC's credit exposure in excess of the amount set forth in UBP Addendum Section 3.D.3.

(c) Credit Approval:

An ESCO/DC, upon written notification by the Company that it has failed to satisfy the credit requirements or, subsequently, while providing service to retail customers, it no longer satisfies the credit requirements, may still obtain or retain credit approval from the Company if it pays any outstanding balance due the Company for service rendered and elects to provide mutually agreeable security to the Company. An illustrative list of security instruments is provided in the Gas Transportation Operating Procedures Manual.

(d) Security/Prepayment:

If the ESCO/DC's credit standing ceases to meet the Company's credit requirements or if its financial exposure changes due to increased usage during the period of service, then the Company has the right to require security or prepayment. If the security is not tendered within five (5) calendar days after the request, then the Company may initiate a process to discontinue the ESCO/DC.

(e) Deposit:

If the ESCO/DC subsequently satisfies the credit appraisal without the need for some or all of the security requirement, the Company will return the appropriate portion of the ESCO/DC's advance deposit with accumulated interest.

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