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SERVICE CLASSIFICATION NO. 12 (Cont'd.)

CREDITWORTHINESS: (Cont'd.)

Acceptable Forms of Financial Security (Cont'd.)

Cash deposits or advance payments, if acceptable to the Company, may be provided in lieu of the financial instruments identified above. Cash deposits shall accrue interest at the "Other Customer Contributed Capital" rate prescribed by the Commission.

An alternative security mechanism for Sellers shall be available in the form of a "lockbox" procedure whereby a Seller's customers' payments are made to a lockbox administered by a mutually agreed upon entity. All costs associated with implementing and administering the lockbox will be the responsibility of the Seller. Funds deposited in the lockbox are used first to pay amounts due to the Company by the Seller. The lockbox agreement between the Company and the Seller shall specify the terms under which the lockbox mechanism shall be terminated for non-compliance. If expected customer payments are not received in a timely manner, the Company, after petition to the Commission, shall terminate the lockbox and request full security from the Seller as identified herein. The use of a lockbox mechanism will reduce any security requirements to 50% of what would otherwise be required.

Changes in Creditworthiness

If the Seller's credit standing ceases to meet the credit requirements identified herein or if its financial exposure changes by more than 10% due to increased or decreased sales volume, the Company may request additional security or reduce existing security requirements as appropriate. If additional security required is not provided to the Company within 5 business days from the date of notification to the Seller, the Seller's eligibility to take service hereunder will be terminated subject to the Dispute Resolution procedures.

If the Company's credit risk is decreased by 10% or more relative to the amount of security on deposit, the excess shall be refunded to the Seller with accumulated interest, if any, within 5 business days of such determination.

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