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SUPPLIER TRANSPORTATION, BALANCING AND AGGREGATION - Continued

23. A competition Back-out Credit Report for Suppliers using the Company's billing system shall be provided to the Supplier each month.

24. Demonstration of Customer Contracts

All Suppliers shall file with the Commission and the Company all forms of contracts that the Supplier utilizes to enroll Customers for service under this Service Classification. For each contract form Suppliers shall state whether such contract requires or permits a prepayment or deposit by the Customer. Failure to submit all forms of contract utilized by the Supplier to enroll Customers for service under this Service Classification to the Commission and the Company will result in termination of a Supplier's ability to receive service under this service classification upon Order by the Commission of a violation of this filing requirement. Discontinuance of service hereunder shall be performed according to the procedures set forth in the UBPs. Suppliers shall provide the Commission and the Company with sworn and notarized affidavits by an officer of the Supplier's corporation affirming that all forms of contract for service to Customers under this Service Classification have been submitted to the Commission and the Company.

25. ESCO Requirements needed to qualify to accept Customer Deposits and Prepayments

Pursuant to the Commission Order issued May 9, 2002 in Case 00-M-0504, the following requirements must be met before a Supplier may be permitted to accept deposits or prepayments from Customers.

a. Acceptable Security

The following security instruments have been deemed by the Commission to be acceptable qualifications for a Supplier to be permitted to accept Customer prepayments and deposits.

1. Minimum Bond Rating

Suppliers shall be permitted to accept Customer deposits and prepayments if the Supplier maintains a minimum bond rating as specified in the Creditworthiness Section of the Commission's UBPs. Suppliers shall be required to submit evidence of their bond ratings to the Commission and the Company at the initiation of service to Customers and each August 1 thereafter. Suppliers shall also be required to notify the Commission and the Company of any changes in bond rating within 24 hours of any such change.

Suppliers shall return all Customer deposits and prepayments immediately after the Supplier's bond rating falls below the acceptable rating permitted in the UBPs.

2. Escrow Account

Suppliers shall be permitted to accept Customer deposits if the Supplier maintains an Escrow Account(s) equal to the amount of Customer deposits for each Customer. Such Escrow Accounts must be maintained at financial institutions with a minimum "A" bond rating. Suppliers shall file each month with the Commission and the Company proof of sufficient Escrow Account balances to cover current Customer deposits.

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