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GENERAL INFORMATION (Cont*d)

II. 2.c. CONTINUED

(2) Interest Paid on Residential Deposits

The Company shall allow to each residential depositor simple interest at a rate per annum prescribed by the Public Service Commission on the amount deposited. Interest to residential customers shall be paid upon the return of the deposit, or where the deposit has been held for a period of one year, the interest shall be credited to the customer after the end of such period.

If a residential customer is not delinquent in the payment of bills during the one-year period from the payment of the deposit, the deposit shall be refunded promptly without prejudice to the Company's right to require a future deposit in the event that the customer thereafter becomes delinquent.

(3) Non-Residential Deposits

The Company may require the payment of a security deposit from:

- (a) a new non-residential customer; or
- (b) an existing non-residential customer:
 - 1) who is delinquent;
 - 2) who, based on reliable evidence of the customer's financial situation, may default in the future;
 - 3) who has filed for bankruptcy, reorganization, or assignment for the benefit of creditors; or
 - 4) who has been rendered a backbill within the last twelve months for previously unbilled charges for service that came through tampered equipment.

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