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GENERAL INFORMATION

32. ALTERNATIVE BILLING ARRANGEMENTS: (CONT'D)

I. Creditworthiness:

An ESCO/Marketer providing a Single/Consolidated Bill must meet the Creditworthiness provisions as set forth in General Information Section 22 of this Schedule, as well as the provisions set forth below.

- (1) Credit Exposure for ESCOs/Marketers issuing a Single/Consolidated Bill:
 - (a) If security as determined in Section 22.B. of this Schedule, in the form of an irrevocable standby letter of credit, is required from the ESCO/Marketer providing an Alternative Billing Arrangement, such security may not exceed 45 days of the ESCO's/Marketer's Customers' projected aggregate peak period energy requirements over the next twelve (12) consecutive months priced at the Company's then applicable delivery rate for the ESCO's/Marketer's Customers, including relevant competitive transition charges, Customer charges and other applicable charges.

(2) Lockbox option:

- (a) As an alternative to the 45 day security deposit as described above, an ESCO/Marketer providing a Single/Consolidated Bill may provide a 22.5 day security deposit in conjunction with the Lockbox Mechanism as set forth in Section 22.F. of this Schedule. All costs associated with implementing and administering the Lockbox will be the responsibility of the ESCO/Marketer. The Lockbox may be at a bank of the ESCO's/Marketer's choosing, but the following minimum requirements must also be met:
 - (i) A separate Lockbox must be maintained for the Company's electric and gas Retail Access Programs; in other words, the Company's accounts may not be commingled with funds from other ESCO/Marketer accounts or with funds from other utilities.
 - (ii) Shared signed authority for allocation of funds received in accordance with Section 32.M.(2) of this Schedule.
 - (iii) No interest shall be paid on the Lockbox account.

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