

RULE NO. 5

Establishment and Re-establishment of Credit

Each Applicant for service will be required to establish or re-establish his credit in one of the following manners before service will be rendered.

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

Credit shall be established when:

1. Applicant furnishes credit information, or references satisfactory to the Company;
2. Applicant establishes a record of prompt payment for service for 12 consecutive months;
3. Applicant is the owner with substantial equity in the premises to be served, or in other real estate located within the limits of the utility service, of sufficient value in relation to charges for utility service to be rendered;
4. Applicant makes a cash deposit to secure payment of bills or service to be furnished by the Company as provided in Rule 6; or
5. Applicant furnishes a guarantor, satisfactory to the Company, to secure payment of bills for the service requested.

B. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

1. An applicant who previously has been a customer of the Company and whose service has been discontinued for non-payment of bills, should be required before service is rendered to pay all amounts owing to the Company and to re-establish credit as provided in Rule 5-A4 or 5.
2. A customer who fails to pay his bill before it becomes past due and who further fails to pay such bill within five days after the date of presentation of a discontinuance of service notice for nonpayment of bill, may be required to pay such bill and re-establish his credit by depositing the amount prescribed in Rule 6.
3. A customer using other than residential service may be required to reestablish his credit in the manner prescribed in subparagraph A4 or 5 of this rule in case the conditions of service or basis on which credit was originally established have materially changed.