

RULE NO. 5

ESTABLISHMENT AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

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

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

Credit shall be established when:

1. Applicant furnishes references from other electric companies showing satisfactory payment history, credit information or references satisfactory to the Company; or
2. Applicant establishes a record of prompt payment history for service for 12 consecutive months; or
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; or
4. Applicant makes a cash deposit to secure payment of bills or service to be furnished by the Company as provided in Rule No. 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 No. 5.A.4. or 5.A.5.
2. A customer who fails to pay any 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 non-payment of bill, shall be required to pay such bill and re-establish credit by depositing the amount prescribed in Rule No. 6.
3. Non-residential customers may be required to re-establish credit should the conditions of service or basis on which credit was originally established have materially changed. Re-establishment of credit shall be in accordance with Rule No. 5, subparagraph A4.