

Rule No. 6

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ESTABLISHMENT AND REESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

A. Business Service

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1. Establishment of Credit for Temporary Service, Speculative Projects, and Risk Services:

An applicant for temporary telephone service, speculative projects, and risk services with no unpaid balance from any previous service will be required to establish credit by payment of the deposit prescribed in Rule No. 7 before service is connected.

2. Establishment of Credit for Other Applicants:

Each applicant for telephone service will be required to establish credit, which will be deemed established upon qualifying under any one of the following:

- (a) Applicant is a customer of the Utility or any other telephone utility in California, for a similar class of service, and has paid all bills for service without having been temporarily or permanently discontinued for nonpayment thereof, for a period of 12 consecutive months immediately prior to the date of the present application.
- (b) Applicant has been a customer of the Utility or any other telephone utility in California, for a similar class of service in the last two years, and during the last 12 consecutive months that service was provided has paid all bills for such service, without having been temporarily or permanently discontinued for nonpayment thereof.
- (c) Applicant is the owner of the premises upon which the Utility is requested to furnish service, or is the owner of other business real estate.
- (d) Applicant furnishes a guarantor satisfactory to the Utility to secure payment of bills of applicant for telephone service requested in the application. The amount of the guarantee shall be in the same amount as the deposit computed in accordance with Rule No. 7. This guaranty shall continue in full force and effect for one year from the installation date of the service or until applicant's credit is otherwise established. As advance payment may also be required from the applicant.

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2. Establishment of Credit for Other Applicants: - (Continued)

- (e) Applicant's credit is otherwise established to the satisfaction of the Utility.
- (f) Applicant makes the deposit and advance payment, if required, as prescribed in Rule No. 7.

3. Reestablishment of Credit for Temporary Services, Speculative Projects, and Risk Services:

- (a) A customer whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of bills or nonpayment of an additional deposit will be required to pay an unpaid balance due the Utility for the premises for which service is to be restored, to reestablish credit by making the additional deposit prescribed in Rule No. 7, and to pay the applicable multi-element charges to restore service.
- (b) An applicant for temporary telephone service, speculative projects, and risk services with an unpaid bill from any previous service will be required to pay such bills in full, and to reestablish credit by making the deposit prescribed in Rule No. 7 before service is connected.
- (c) An applicant for temporary telephone service, speculative projects, and risk services to be used in behalf of, or for the benefit of a candidate, a committee, an organization, person or persons will be required to pay any outstanding balance for any previous service furnished on behalf of or for the benefit of that candidate, committee, organization, person, or persons.

4. Reestablishment of Credit for Other Applicants:

- (a) A customer whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of bills will be required to pay any unpaid balance due the Utility for the premises for which service is to be restored, to pay the applicable multi-element service charges, and to reestablish credit by making the deposit prescribed in Rule No. 7 before service is restored.

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4. Reestablishment of Credit for Other Applicants: - (Continued)

(b) An applicant who previously has been a customer of the Utility, and during the last 12 months of their prior service has had service temporarily or permanently discontinued for nonpayment of bills will be required to pay any unpaid balance due the Utility, and to reestablish credit by making the deposit prescribed in Rule No. 7.

5. Limit of Credit for Toll Service:

(a) Each customer shall be informed of any limit on the amount of credit for monthly message toll service applicable to their account prior to presentation of any special bills. The Utility may change the limit of credit applicable to a particular account, and the customer shall be advised in writing of such change.

B. Residence Service

1. Establishment of Credit for Residence Service:

(a) Each applicant will be required to furnish a complete application as specified in Rule 3, "APPLICATION FOR SERVICE," and establish credit in one of the following ways:

(1) Applicant is a customer of the Utility or any other telephone utility in California, for a similar class of service, and has paid all bills for service without having been temporarily or permanently disconnected for nonpayment thereof, for a period of 12 consecutive months prior to the date of the present application. The applicant will provide the Utility with the verifiable telephone number of their other service.

(2) Applicant has been a customer of the Utility or any other telephone utility in California in the last two years, and during the last 12 consecutive months that service was provided, had paid all bills for such service without having been temporarily or permanently disconnected for nonpayment thereof. The applicant will provide the Utility with the verifiable telephone number and disconnection date of their previous service.

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B. Residence Service - (Continued)

1. Establishment of Credit for Residence Service: - (Continued)

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- (3) Applicant is the owner of the premises upon which the Utility is requested to furnish service, or is the owner of other local real estate.
- (4) Applicant has been continuously employed by present employer (including military) for a period of one year or more, or is retired on pension.
- (5) Applicant's credit is otherwise established to the satisfaction of the Utility.
- (6) Applicant furnishes a guarantor satisfactory to the Utility to secure payment of bills for the telephone service requested in the application.
- (7) Applicant pays the deposit prescribed in Rule No. 7, "DEPOSITS."

2. Reestablishment of Credit - Residence Applicants:

- (a) A customer whose service has been discontinued for nonpayment of bills will be required to pay any unpaid balance due the Utility for the premises for which service is to be restored, to pay the applicable multi-element service charges, and to reestablish credit by making the deposit prescribed in Rule No. 7 before service is restored.
- (b) An applicant who previously has been a customer of the Utility, and during the last 12 months of that prior service, has had service temporarily or permanently discontinued for nonpayment of bills will be required to pay any unpaid balance due the Utility, and to reestablish credit by making the deposit prescribed in Rule No. 7.

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B. Residence Service - (Continued)

4. Guarantor:

(a) The Utility will accept a guaranty of payment in lieu of a deposit for residence accounts under the following conditions:

- (1) The guarantor must be an individual (not a business), and must be a concurrent customer of the Utility for residence service. The guarantor may be a parent or guardian. The guarantor must meet the Utility's approval.
- (2) A guarantor, other than a parent or guardian, may guarantee only one account.
- (3) The Utility must receive the appropriate form completed and signed by the guarantor.
- (4) The guaranteed amount will be equal to the amount of the deposit requested from the applicant, and will remain in force and effect for one year from the installation date of the service or until the applicant's credit is otherwise established.
- (5) When the Utility is unable to collect a bill on a guaranteed account, the amount unpaid (not to exceed the guaranteed amount) shall be transferred to the account of the guarantor. This step shall be taken seven days from the date of presentation of a written notice to the guarantor requesting payment. The amount transferred to the guarantor's account shall be subject to Rule No. 9, Rendering and Payment of Bills, and Rule No. 11, Discontinuance and Restoration of Service, as well as any other applicable rule or tariff schedule.

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