

ESTABLISHMENT AND RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT

The italicized Sections of this Rule are temporary, adopted on an interim basis, pursuant to Resolution M-4842.

A. ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT – RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Pursuant to Decision 20-06-003, the Utility is prohibited from requiring residential customers to pay establishment of credit deposits for new service.

B. ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT – NON-RESIDENTIAL SERVICE

Per SoCalGas Advice Letter 5604-B, submitted pursuant to Resolution M-4842, certain customer protections will be offered effective March 4, 2020 through April 16, 2021, or as modified by the Commission. Accordingly, nonresidential customers taking service on a core rate schedule and using less than 250,000 therms in the previous 12 months will not be required to submit a cash deposit if the customer is unable to establish credit using the other provisions of this Section B.

Before receiving such service, each applicant shall be required to establish credit as follows:

1. By making a cash deposit as prescribed in Rule No. 7; or
2. By furnishing a qualified guarantor to secure payment of bills as prescribed in Rule No.7; or
3. By having been a non-residential customer for a similar type of service within the last two years and having paid all bills for gas service in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 9 for the most recent 12 consecutive months of such service, provided, however, that the credit of the applicant is unimpaired in the opinion of the Utility. The billing for gas consumed at the applicant’s former service location shall have been equal to at least 50 percent of billing estimated for the new service location; or
4. By otherwise establishing credit to the satisfaction of the Utility.

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C. RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT – ALL CLASSES OF SERVICE

Per SoCalGas Advice Letter 5604-B, submitted pursuant to Resolution M-4842, certain customer protections will be offered effective March 4, 2020 through April 16, 2021, or as modified by the Commission. Accordingly, residential and nonresidential customers taking service on a core rate schedule and using less than 250,000 therms in the previous 12 months shall not be subject to provisions of this Section C. Customers will not be subject to re-establishment of credit deposit for late payments or after service disconnections.

1. A nonresidential applicant who is a former gas customer of the Utility and whose service was discontinued for nonpayment of bills at any time during the last 12 months of that service, may be required to re-establish credit by making a cash deposit in accordance with the provisions of Rule No. 7.
2. A current nonresidential customer who fails to pay bills before becoming past due as set forth in Rule No. 9, may be required to pay such bills and to re-establish credit by making a cash deposit as prescribed in Rule No. 7. This rule will apply regardless of whether or not service has been discontinued for such nonpayment. Pursuant to D.10-10-032, small nonresidential service customers shall receive one warning letter per 12-month period prior to any deposit request after at least one late payment, which informs that a deposit to re-establish credit may be required if future payments are not made in a timely manner.
3. A customer using non-residential service may be required to re-establish credit at one or more of its locations in accordance with this Rule if the conditions of service or basis on which credit was originally established, in the opinion of the Utility, have materially changed or, the Utility believes, a condition of high risk exists.
4. Pursuant to D.10-10-032, small nonresidential service customers, shall not be subject to a reestablishment of service deposit when failure to pay results from charges that were backbilled.

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