



**ELECTRIC RULE NO. 7**  
**DEPOSITS**

Sheet 1

**A. AMOUNT OF DEPOSIT**

**1. ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT**

- a. Residential accounts: The amount of deposit required to establish credit shall be twice the average monthly bill as estimated by PG&E.
- b. Nonresidential accounts: The amount of deposit required to establish credit for a nonresidential customer who is not a Small Business Customer, as defined in Rule 1, may be twice the maximum monthly bill as estimated by PG&E. The amount of deposit required to establish credit for a Small Business Customer account may be twice the average monthly bill as estimated by PG&E.
- c. Residential and nonresidential accounts: The amount of deposit taken to establish credit may be subject to adjustment upon request by the customer or upon review by PG&E.

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**2. REESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT**

The amount of deposit required to reestablish credit for residential and nonresidential Small Business Customer accounts, as defined in Rule 1, may be twice the average monthly bill as determined by PG&E. The amount of deposit required to reestablish credit for all other nonresidential accounts may be twice the maximum bill as determined by PG&E.

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**B. RETURN OF DEPOSIT**

- 1. PG&E may refund a customer's deposit by draft or by applying the deposit to the customer's account and the customer will be so advised. If the customer establishes service at a new location, PG&E may retain the deposit for such new account, subject to the conditions of Sections B.3 and B.4 following.
- 2. Upon discontinuance of service, PG&E will refund the customer's deposit or the balance thereof which is in excess of unpaid bills for service furnished by PG&E.
- 3. When the customer's credit is otherwise established in accordance with Rule 6, PG&E will refund the deposit either upon the customer's request for return of the deposit or upon review by PG&E.

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**B. RETURN OF DEPOSIT (Cont'd.)**

- 4. PG&E will review the customer's account at the end of the first twelve months that the deposit is held and each month thereafter. After the customer has had not more than two past due bills, as defined in Rule 11.C. (residential) and Rule 11.D. (non-residential), during the twelve months prior to any such review, or has not had service temporarily or permanently discontinued for nonpayment of bills during such period, the deposit will be refunded in accordance with B.1., above, provided the customer's credit would, thereafter, be otherwise established under Rule 6. (T)  
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- 5. Deposits cannot be used to offset past due bills to avoid or delay discontinuance of service. (T)  
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**C. INTEREST ON DEPOSIT**

- 1. PG&E will pay interest on deposits, except as provided below, calculated on a daily basis, and compounded at the end of each calendar month, from the date fully paid to the date of refund by check or credit to the customer's account. The interest rate applicable in each calendar month may vary and shall be equal to the interest rate on commercial paper (prime, 3 months) for the previous month as reported in the Federal Reserve Statistical Release, G.13, or its successor publication; except that when a refund is made within the first fifteen days of a calendar month the interest rate applicable in the previous month shall be applied for the elapsed portion of the month in which the refund is made.
- 2. No interest will be paid if service is temporarily or permanently discontinued for nonpayment of bills.