

CenturyTel of Washington, Inc. d/b/a CenturyLink

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2. GENERAL REGULATIONS

2.4 PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS AND CREDIT ALLOWANCES

2.4.1 PAYMENT OF RATES, CHARGES AND DEPOSITS

A. The Telephone Company will, in order to safeguard its interests, only require a customer which has a proven history of late payments to the Telephone Company or does not have established credit to make a deposit prior to or at any time after the provision of a service to the customer to be held by the Telephone Company as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges. No such deposit will be required of a customer which is a successor of a company which has established credit and has no history of late payments to the Telephone Company. When a deposit is required, such deposit shall be equal to two months of estimated billings. If past service has been provided, the estimated billing shall be calculated based upon the average monthly billings over the past three months. Such a calculation is subject to revision based upon changes in the average of the past months' billings. At such time as the provision of the service to the customer is terminated, the amount of the deposit will be credited to the customer's account and any credit balance which may remain will be refunded. Such a deposit will be refunded or credited, in any event, to the customer's account when the customer has established credit or will be refunded when the customer has established a one-year prompt payment at any time prior to the termination of the provision of the service to the customer. In case of a cash deposit, for the period the deposit is held by the Telephone Company, the customer will receive interest at the same percentage rate as that set forth in Section 2.4.1.B.3.b.(1) or 2.4.1.B.3.b.(2), following, whichever is higher. The rate will be applied for the number of days from the date the customer deposit is received by the Telephone Company to and including the date such deposit is credited to the customer's account or the date the deposit is refunded by the Telephone Company. Should a deposit be credited to the customer's account, as indicated above, no interest will accrue on the deposit from the date such deposit is credited to the customer's account.

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