

FLORIDA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

DOCKET NO: 980658-EI

RULE TITLE:

RULE NO.:

Customer Deposits

25-6.097

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The purpose of the amendment is to allow a non-residential customer to use its parent or affiliate company as a guarantor of bills even if the guarantor is not a customer of the utility.

SUBJECT AREA TO BE ADDRESSED: Guarantors of nonresidential electric customer bills.

SPECIFIC AUTHORITY: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), PS.

LAW IMPLEMENTED: 366.03, 366.04(1), 366.05(1), 366.06(1), PS.

IF REQUESTED IN WRITING AND NOT DEEMED UNNECESSARY BY THE AGENCY HEAD, A RULE DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP WILL BE NOTICED IN THE NEXT AVAILABLE FLORIDA ADMINISTRATIVE WEEKLY.

THE WORKSHOP REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED IN WRITING WITHIN 21 DAYS OF THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE TO THE COMMISSION'S DIVISION OF RECORDS AND REPORTING, 2540 SHUMARD OAK BOULEVARD, TALLAHASSEE, FL 32399-0850.

THE PERSON TO BE CONTACTED REGARDING THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS: David Ging, Division of Electric & Gas, Florida Public Service

Commission, 2540 Shumard Oak Blvd., Tallahassee, FL 32399-0850.

Any person requiring some accommodation at this workshop

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Records and Reporting at (850) 413-6770 at least 48 hours prior to

the hearing. Any person who is hearing or speech impaired should

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THE PRELIMINARY TEXT OF THE PROPOSED RULE DEVELOPMENT IS:

25-6.097 Customer Deposits.

(1) No Change.

(a) The applicant for service furnishes a satisfactory guarantor to secure payment of bills for the service requested. For residential customers, a satisfactory guarantor shall, at the minimum, be a customer of the utility with a satisfactory payment record. For non-residential customers, a satisfactory guarantor need not be a customer of the utility. Each utility shall develop minimum financial criteria that a proposed guarantor must meet to qualify as a satisfactory guarantor. A copy of the criteria shall be made available to each new non-residential customer upon request by the customer. The minimum financial criteria shall be applied uniformly in judging the acceptability of proposed guarantors. A guarantor's liability shall be terminated when a residential customer whose payment of bills is secured by the guarantor meets the requirements of subsection (2) of this rule. Guarantors providing security for payment of residential customers' bills shall only be liable for bills contracted at the service address contained in the contract of guaranty.

(b) - (7) No Change.

Specific Authority: 366.05(1), 350.127(2), F.S.

Law Implemented: 366.03, 366.041(1), 366.05(1), 366.06(1), F.S.

History: New 7-29-69, Amended 5-9-76, 7-8-79, 6-10-80, 10-17-83, 1-31-84, formerly 25-6.97, Amended 10-13-88, 4-25-94.