



Accepted Utah PSC
Docket No.: 24-030-03

ELECTRIC SERVICE REGULATION NO. 15

XV - DEPOSITS

1. Deposits

- a. In accordance with the conditions stated below, MLEA may require from its members a security deposit intended to guarantee payment of bills. The deposit may be in addition to any advance contribution or guarantee in connection with construction of lines or facilities as provided for in the line extension policy of MLEA as stated in MLEA's Electric Service Regulation No. 17.
- b. In lieu of a deposit a MLEA member with an AMI meter with a service on tariff R-1 may opt into the prepaid program. Please see the prepaid tariff for further details.
- c. Any member that has an average monthly electric bill of \$10,000.00 or more may be required to provide MLEA an ongoing Assurance Bond for a value that will meet or exceed the average 2 month electric bills.
 - i. Residential Members
 1. In accordance with the conditions specified below, Residential Members may be required to make security deposits. Such deposits shall be \$300.00 per account for members taking service on Electric Service Schedule R-1 and R-3. An applicant for electric service shall have the right to pay a security deposit in at least three equal monthly installments provided that the first installment is paid at the time of application.
 2. Members Applying for Residential Electric Service. A security deposit per account will be required from any prospective member applying for residential service meeting one of the following criteria:
 - a. Has engaged in subterfuge or furnished false credit information.
 - b. Fails to present a picture identification or two forms of identification without a picture. This requirement only applies if the applicant has not been a member of MLEA within the past 24 months or is not listed by the credit rating agency used by MLEA.
 - c. Fails to provide the following information:
 - i. Member name
 - ii. Service address
 - iii. Previous address
 - iv. Social security number, driver's license number, or a government issued picture identification
 - v. Name of a relative, relationship, and phone number; or personal reference and phone number
 - vi. Employer phone number, if employed
 - vii. If renting, the owner or manager of the premises at the service address and phone number (if available) or the address or P. O. Box of the owner or manager.
 - d. Has been a member of MLEA and left a premises with an unpaid delinquent account.
 - e. Fails to achieve an acceptable credit evaluation (as determined by MLEA) from the credit rating agency used by MLEA.

- ii. Current Residential Members
 - 1. In addition to deposits which may be required pursuant to paragraph 3. (Non-Payment of Bills) below, a deposit per account may be required from any residential member who is subject to termination and a 10 day written notice of disconnection has been issued. A current residential member will be allowed to pay the security deposit in at least three equal installments. Prior to termination, MLEA will not require a deposit from a member who is in compliance with his obligations under a deferred payment agreement (which includes remaining current on his bill), or if the bill is brought current.
 - iii. Contributions from Third-Party Sources
 - 1. Monies received by MLEA from third-party sources (such as state, tribal, and private non-profit organization assistance programs) to aid a member in the payment of electric service billings shall not be applied toward the payment of a security deposit, unless authorized by the individual assistance program, but shall be applied to reduce the cost of the home electric service received.
 - iv. Third-Party Guarantees
 - 1. Third-party guarantees in lieu of security deposits shall be permitted from qualified guarantors. MLEA shall consider a guarantor of residential service qualified if the guarantor is a current member of MLEA and has not received a 10 day written notice of disconnection within the last 12 months.
 - d. Non-residential members under 2,500 kW
 - i. MLEA may require at any time, from any non-residential member, a security deposit intended to guarantee payment of bills. Such deposits shall be the estimated highest 3 months of billings over the prior twelve months at the premises.
 - e. Non-residential members equal to and over 2,500 kW are required to have a performance bond or something of equal value as described in their respective contract obligations.
 - f. The security deposit may be waived for applicants who establish a good credit rating with MLEA.
2. Interest
- a. Interest shall be simple interest, computed from the date of deposit at the highest recommended rate that is officially filed from either the State of Utah's Public Service Commission or the State of Colorado's Public Utilities Commission, which is adjusted from time to time. Deposits with accrued interest will be applied at the end of 12 months or sooner at the option of MLEA unless the member has received three or more 10 day written notices of disconnection within the last 12 months. Upon final settlement of the member's account, any unused balance of deposit with accrued interest, if any, will be refunded to the member minus any final balance due to MLEA. Interest on member's deposit shall cease upon discontinuance for any reason of member's service.
3. Non-Payment of Bills
- a. A member or former member of MLEA, whose service was terminated for non-payment of a delinquent account or deposit where required, or who left a premises with a delinquent account, will be required to make payments of all amounts remaining unpaid from previous service in addition to a deposit which shall be \$300.00 per residential account and the estimated highest 3 months of billings over the prior twelve months at the premises for non-residential accounts. Such applicants will be allowed to pay the security deposit in at least three equal installments provided that the first installment is paid at the time of application.