

## **8. Creditworthiness**

For the purpose of determining the ability of the Distribution Customer to meet its obligations related to service hereunder, the Distribution Provider may require reasonable credit review procedures. This review shall be made in accordance with standard commercial practices. In addition, the Distribution Provider may require the Distribution Customer to provide and maintain in effect during the term of the Service Agreement, an unconditional and irrevocable letter of credit as security to meet its responsibilities and obligations under the Tariff, or an alternative form of security proposed by the Distribution Customer and acceptable to the Distribution Provider and consistent with commercial practices established by the Uniform Commercial Code that protects the Distribution Provider against the risk of non-payment. The Distribution Provider will determine on a non-discriminatory basis whether security will be required. Absent a material adverse change in the creditworthiness of the Distribution Customer, security will not be required where the Distribution Customer has previously established its creditworthiness pursuant to a tariff, rate schedule, or service contract for service provided by the Distribution Provider, and has not defaulted on its obligation under that applicable tariff or rate schedule.