



ADMINISTRATIVE RULES OF MONTANA



38.5.1101 ESTABLISHMENT OF CREDIT -- RESIDENTIAL

- (1) An applicant for residential utility service may establish credit by demonstrating to the utility any one of the following factors:
 - (a) Prior service with utility in question within the previous 12 months during which for at least 6 consecutive months service was rendered and was not disconnected for failure to pay, and no more than one delinquency notice was served upon the customer.
 - (b) Prior service with a utility of the same type as that of which service is sought with a satisfactory payment record as demonstrated in (a) above, provided that the reference may be quickly and easily checked by the utility and the necessary information is provided.
 - (c) Full-time consecutive employment during the entire 12 months next previous to the application for service, with no more than two employers, and the applicant is currently employed or has a regular source of income.
 - (d) Ownership of significant legal interest in the premises to be served.
 - (e) Furnishing of a satisfactory guarantor to secure payment of bills for services requested in a specified amount not to exceed an estimated one year bill, such estimation to be made at the time the service is established.
 - (f) In the case of telephone utilities, the guarantee amount shall be for the total amount of the bill.

Authorizing statute(s): 69-3-306, MCA

Implementing statute(s): 1975 HJR 27

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