## SimpleBills- Article no. 8645

## Introduction

**SimpleBills** is a service in **Texas** - unrelated to our company - that manages utility bills for people who use their service

- SimpleBills retrieves all utility invoices from the utility providers and users are sent one bill with one due date for the full sum
- The customer makes payment to **SimpleBills** and we receive payment from them
- To identify customers who use SimpleBills, go to the General Ledger | Statement Config Tab in BOLT
- The **Bill To** address field is marked with the **SimpleBills (Bear Bills)** mailing address:

Customer Name **c/o SimpleBills** 100 Ritchie Road Waco, TX 76712

- SimpleBills customers **must pay deposits** as required by the credit policy
- All billing questions are handled as normal; this is simply a service that pays our company on behalf of a customer

## Resolution Steps

**Install and Reconnect Requests** 

- Install a new account as usual, charging applicable installation and activation fees
- Run a credit check and charge a deposit, if required
  - The deposit is waived once they sign up with SimpleBills
  - If the customer *doesn't* contact SimpleBills, any **deposits are due** prior to installation
- Give the customer their account number and ask them to contact SimpleBills at 254-230-0199
- SimpleBills contacts our **Waco Front Counter team** to update the account

## **Monthly Billing Inquiries and Suspensions**

- Billing and payments are routed through SimpleBills via the Bill
  To Address field
  - Confirm a SimpleBills customer by Bill To Address

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- If the account Bill To Address is not the one above, give the customer their account number and ask them to contact SimpleBills at 254-230-0199
  - This ensures the customer is signed up for SimpleBills first
  - SimpleBills emails our Waco Front Counter team to update the account Bill To Address
- A zero balance always displays on the account

- The ledger *may* look as if there is a credit on the account; **please do not tell** these customers that they have a credit on their account
  - This is the dollar amount that transferred to SimpleBills since they pay SimpleBills directly for service
- If an existing customer wants to be on SimpleBills, ask them to contact SimpleBills at **254-230-0199**
- If a SimpleBills account is **suspended**, relay the following:
  - I'm sorry, it looks like you have been working with SimpleBills (or BearBills). Have you provided them with your online account registration information? If not, please reach out to them at 254-230-0199. As soon as you can and provide them with that information, they can access your account. You may be required to make a manual payment to restore services until SimpleBills has your login information and can do so on your behalf.
  - If yes, they have given SimpleBills their login information and they are suspended, email <u>Emily Buck</u> the account information and payment amount to review with SimpleBills
  - We should **never** advise that SimpleBills has just not made their payment

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