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## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.)

## 2.5 Allowances for Interruptions in Service (Cont'd.)

## 2.5.3 Limitations

No credit allowances will be made for: interruptions due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this tariff by, the Customer, Authorized User, Joint User, or other Common Carrier, providing service connected to the service of Company: interruptions due to the negligence of any person other than VT, including, but not limited to, the Customer or other Common Carriers connected to VT's facilities; interruptions due to the failure or malfunction of non-Company equipment; interruptions of service during any period in which VT is not given full and tree access to its facilities and equipment for the purpose of investigating and correcting interruptions; interruptions of service during a period in which the Customer continues to use the service on an impaired basis; interruptions of service during any period when the Customer has released service to VT for maintenance purposes or for implementation of a Customer order for a change in service arrangements; interruption of service due to circumstances or causes beyond the control of VT.

In addition, credit allowance for Service Interruptions also do not apply when service is interrupted due to labor difficulties, governmental orders, civil commotions, criminal actions taken against VT, acts of God and other circumstances beyond VT's reasonable control. No credit shall be allowed for an interruption period of less than thirty (30) minutes. The Customer shall be credited for an interruption of thirty (30) minutes or more at the rate of 1/1440 of the monthly charges for the facility or service for each period of 30 minutes or fraction thereof that the interruption continues after the initial thirty (30) minute interruption.

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