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

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

2.5.2 Credit Allowances

Credit allowances given by VT, if any, will be deducted from the charges payable by the IXC and will be expressly indicated on the next invoice.

Credit allowances do not apply to outages which are caused by the IXC, due to failure of equipment provided by the IXC, failures of LEC facilities or equipment which are carrying the failures resulting from the activities or negligence of LEC employees, or due to mutually agreed upon maintenance and repair. Additionally, credit allowances do not apply during any period in which VT is not given access to the service premises or VT experiences inability to gain access to the necessary equipment. Credit Allowances received by VT from the LEC for Off-Net facility outages which affects the IXC's Switched Services will be passed through to the INC in the form of a credit on the next invoice.

For calculating credit allowances, every month is considered to have thirty (30) days. The credit allowance for an interruption or for a series of interruptions shall not exceed:

- A. The applicable monthly rate, or
- B. The assumed minutes of use charge