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NETWORK INTERCONNECTION SERVICES TARIFF

SECTION 4 - ISSUANCE, PAYMENT AND CREDITING OF CUSTOMER BILLS (CONT'D.)

4.1 Responsibility of the Telephone Company (Cont'd.)

4.1.6 Customer Deposits

- A. The Telephone Company may require any LEC, which has a proven history of late payments or whose parent company or holding company has a proven history of late payments to the Telephone Company, or which does not have established credit, to make a deposit prior to or at any time after the provision of a service/arrangement under this tariff.
 - 1. Any such deposit will be held by the Telephone Company as a guarantee of the payment of rates and charges.
- B. The deposit may not exceed the actual or estimated rates and charges for the service for a two month period.
- C. Payment of a deposit does not relieve the LEC from its obligations to comply with the Telephone Company's regulations regarding the prompt payment of bills.
- D. At such time as the provision of the service to the LEC is terminated, the amount of the deposit will be credited to the LEC account and any credit balance which may remain will be refunded.
- E. A deposit will be refunded or credited to the account when the LEC has established credit or, in any event, after the LEC has established a one year prompt payment record at any time prior to the termination of the service to the LEC.
- F. In case of a cash deposit, for the period the deposit is held by the Telephone Company, the LEC will receive interest at the same percentage rate as that set forth in Section 4.1.3B.
- G. The interest rate will be applied for the number of days from the date the LEC deposit is received by the Telephone Company to and including the date such deposit is credited to the LEC's account or the date the deposit is refunded by the Telephone Company.
- H. Should a deposit be credited to the LEC's account, as indicated above, no interest will accrue on the deposit from the date such deposit is credited to the LEC's account.