

RULES AND REGULATIONS (continued)

1.6 Taxes, Surcharges and Utility Fees

Company reserves the right to bill any and all applicable taxes in addition to normal service charges, including, but not limited to: Federal Excise Tax, State Sales Tax, Municipal Taxes, and Gross Receipts Tax or associated surcharges. Such taxes will be itemized separately on Customer invoices or bill detail reports and are not included in the rates listed in this tariff.

1.7 Validation of Credit

The Company reserves the right to validate the creditworthiness of Customers and End Users through available credit verification procedures.

1.8 Billing Entity Conditions

When local exchange telephone companies perform billing functions on behalf of the Company, credit card companies or others, the payment conditions and regulations of such companies apply, including any applicable interest and/or late payment charge conditions.

1.9 Payment Arrangements

1.9.1 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for services and equipment furnished to the Customer for services provided via the Company. The Customer agrees to pay to the Company any cost(s) incurred as a result of any delegation of authority resulting in the use of his or her communications equipment and/or network services via the Company. The Customer agrees to pay the Company or its authorized agent any and all cost(s) incurred as a result of the use of the service arrangement, including use which the Customer did not individually authorize.

1.9.2 All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or any agency duly authorized to receive such payments. Terms of payment shall be according to the rules and regulations of the agency and subject to the rules of regulatory agencies, such as the Commission. Any objections to billed charges must be reported to the Company or its billing agent within ninety (90) days of the Due Date. Adjustments to Customers' bills shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.

1.9.3 Charges for installations, service connections, moves, and rearrangements, where applicable, are payable upon demand by the Company or its authorized agent. The billing thereafter will include recurring charges and actual usage as defined in this tariff.