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LOCAL AND INTEREXCHANGE TELECOMMUNICATIONS TARIFF

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**SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS (CONT'D.).**

**2.2 LIMITATIONS ON LIABILITY**

**2.2.1 Indemnification and Limits on Liability**

- A. Except where the Commission, for good cause shown, determines otherwise, the Customer and any authorized or joint users, jointly and severally, shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless the Company and the Company shall not be liable for any claims, loss, damage or expenses (including attorneys' fees and court costs) involving:
1. Any act or omission of: (a) the Customer; (b) any other entity furnishing service, equipment or facilities for use in conjunction with the Service or facilities provided by the Company; or (c) common carriers, warehousemen or middle men;
  2. Any delay or failure of performance or equipment due to causes beyond the Company's control, including, but not limited to, acts of God, fires, floods, earthquakes, hurricanes, storms, or other natural catastrophes; pole hits; explosions; national emergencies, insurrections, riots, wars or other civil commotions; strikes, lockouts, work stoppages or other labor difficulties; criminal actions taken against the Company; unavailability, failure or malfunction of equipment or facilities provided by the Customer or third parties, including rights-of-way and materials; and any law, order, regulation, direct, request, or other action of any governing authority or agency thereof;
  3. Any unlawful or unauthorized use of the Company's facilities and Service or the use of the Company's facilities and/or Service in violation of this Tariff;
  4. Libel, slander, invasion of privacy or infringement of patents, trade secrets, or copyrights arising from or in connection with the transmission of communications or information by means of Company-provided facilities or Service, or by means of the combination of Company-provided facilities or Service with Customer-provided facilities or services;