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## **SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS**

## 2.9 Rendering Bill

## 2.9.1 General

- (A) The Company uses cycle billing. The billing period is one (1) month. Except for fraud, charges may be assessed for unbilled traffic or Services charges up to two in arrears.
- (B) The Company uses LEC billing. The Company may also utilize direct billing by the Company or an authorized billing agent. The availability of the billing option is controlled by the Company not the Customer.
- (C) If a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require the Customer to pay its bills in cash or the equivalent of cash. In the event the Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorney's fees, in collecting, or attempting to collect, any charges owed the Company, the Customer will be liable to the Company for the payment of all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred.
- (D) In instances where the Company orders Dedicated Access as an agent for the Customer, the Company will become the customer-of-record with the Local Access Provider. The Company will bill the Customer on a pass-through basis.
- (E) Credit card billing and automatic withdrawal from the Customer's checking or savings account may be available. However, if a Customer presents an undue risk of nonpayment at any time, the Company may require the Customer to pay its bill in cash or the equivalent of cash. With credit card billing, charges for Services provided by the Company are billed on the Customer's designated and approved credit card. Should the Customer cancel or change their designated credit card for billing, the Customer shall promptly inform the Company and designate new information for billing. Charges for Service are billed monthly in accordance with terms and conditions between the Customer and the Customer's designated credit card company. Call detail will not be included in the credit card bill; call detail will be provided by the Company in a separate mailing.
- (F) Monthly recurring charges for Service components are billed in advance of Service and reflect the rates in effect as of the date of the invoice (e.g., bills generated in January will cover the month of February). Monthly recurring charges continue to accrue during any suspension of Service until Service is disconnected. A Customer's first invoice may contain charges from previous periods for Service provided from the date of installation through the current invoice period. An Applicant for Service may be required to pay in advance of the establishment of Service the applicable nonrecurring charges together with the fixed charges applicable for the first month.

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