
SECTION 2 - TERMS AND CONDITIONS, (Cont'd.)

2.10 Payment for Service

- 2.10.1 Billing and payment for service by New York Customers shall be according to applicable New York Rules and regulations. Service is provided and billed on a monthly basis. Bills are due and payable upon receipt. Late payment fees for Customers who have their charges billed by an affiliated local exchange company will be the late payment fee applied by the affiliated local exchange company to overdue charges. Customers that are not billed by an affiliated local exchange company may be charged a late payment fee of 1.5% per month, or the maximum amount allowed by law, whichever is lower. The late payment fee will apply to any overdue charges and will begin to accrue no sooner than the 25th day after the billing date or as allowed by law. In the event that the Company incurs fees or expenses, including attorney's fees, collecting, or attempting to collect, any charges owed to the Company, the Company may charge the Customer, and the Customer will pay, all such fees and expenses reasonably incurred. Collection fees on overdue charges apply in addition to all applicable late payment charges and shall begin to accrue when the Account is assigned to an outside collection agency. Late payment charges do not apply to government agencies of the State of New York. These agencies are required to make payment in accordance with the provisions of Article XI-A of the New York State Finance Law (Chapter 153 of the Laws of 1984).
- 2.10.2 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished to or used by the Customer, or the Customer's agents, servants, employees or customers. The Customer is also responsible for payment of charges for all other third persons' use of service to which the Customer subscribes. All charges due from the Customer are payable to the Company or to the Company's authorized billing agent in immediately available U.S. dollars. Any objections to billed charges must be reported to the Company or its billing agent within six months after receipt of bill. Adjustments to the Customer's bill shall be made to the extent that circumstances exist which reasonably indicate that such changes are appropriate.
- 2.10.3 The security of the Customer's Authorization Codes is the responsibility of the Customer. All calls placed using such Authorization Codes shall be billed to and shall be the obligation of the Customer. The Customer is responsible for all calls placed via the Customer's Authorization Code, whether such use is as a result of the Customer's intentional or negligent disclosure of the Authorization Code or otherwise. However, the Customer shall not be responsible for charges in connection with the unauthorized use of Authorization Codes arising after the Customer notifies the Company of the loss, theft, or other breach of security of such Authorization Codes.