

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

2.13 Interruption of Service

2.13.1 Credit allowances for interruptions of service which are not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, to the negligence or other wrongful act or omission of the Customer or any third party, or to the failure of services, channels, equipment and/or communications systems provided by the Customer or the Customer's agents, servants, employees, or customers, or are not otherwise excused under this tariff are subject to the general liability provisions set forth in this tariff. It shall be the obligation of the Customer to notify the Company immediately of any interruption in service for which a credit allowance is desired by the Customer. Before giving such notice, the Customer shall ascertain that the trouble is not within his or her control, or is not in wiring or equipment, if any, furnished by the Customer. Interruptions caused by Customer-provided, or Company-provided, automatic dialing equipment are not deemed an interruption of service as defined herein since the Customer has the option of using the long distance network via dial access code.

2.13.2 For purposes of credit computation, every month shall be considered to have 30 days and every day 24 hours. For all Company services no credit shall be allowed for an interruption of continuous duration of less than twenty-four hours. For services billed on a usage basis, credits will be limited to, at maximum, the price of the call that was in progress at the time of the service interruption.

Credit is computed by multiplying the monthly recurring rate by the ratio that the number of hours in the period of interruption bears to 720 hours (30 days times 24 hours). The credit shall be based upon the non-usage charges for the month during which the interruption occurred, excluding equipment and access line charges.

2.13.3 An interruption is measured from the time the Customer notifies the Company of the interruption until the trouble is cleared. Each interruption is considered separately for the purposes of establishing credit allowance. Unless otherwise specified in this tariff, the credit for a billing period shall not exceed the monthly recurring rate.