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SECTION 2 – RULES AND REGULATIONS, CONT'D.

2.7 INTERRUPTIONS OF SERVICE

2.7.1 General

A. Upon Customer request, the Company will credit a Customer's account for Service interruptions that are not due to the Company's testing or adjusting, failure of facilities or services of other companies relied upon by Company to provide Service, negligence of the Customer, or to the failure of channels, wiring, equipment, facilities or power provided by the Customer. Before requesting a credit, the Customer will take reasonable steps to verify that the trouble could not have been prevented by the Customer and is not in the channels, wiring, equipment, facilities or power provided by the Customer. For purposes of computing a credit, a month consists of 720 hours. The Company will credit the Customer's account at the rate of 1/720th of the monthly charge for each full hour of any interruption. In addition, for Service interruptions greater than eight (8) consecutive hours, the Company will credit the Customer's account in an amount equal to the price of one (1) month of Service.

B. No credit allowance will be made for:

- 1. Interruptions due to the negligence of, or noncompliance with the provisions of this Tariff by the Customer, User, or other common carrier providing service connected to the Service of the Company;
- 2. Interruptions due to the negligence of any person other than the Company, including but not limited to the Customer or other common carriers connected to the Company's facilities;
- 3. Interruptions due to the failure or malfunction of non-Company equipment;
- 4. Interruptions of Service during any period in which the Company is not given full and free access to its facilities and equipment for the purpose of investigating and correcting interruptions;

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