## Section 7 - Long Distance Services (cont'd)

### 7.1. Terms of Service (cont'd)

### 7.1.6. Payment of Charges

The Customer is responsible for the payment of all charges for facilities and services furnished by the Telephone Company to the Customer, and to all users authorized by the Customer, regardless of whether those services are used by the Customer itself or shared with other persons.

For billing of monthly charges, service is considered to be established upon the confirmation of third party verification processes.

Usage charges will be billed monthly in arrears. Customer will be billed for all usage accrued beginning immediately upon access to the service. Customers will be billed for usage occurring during their specific 30-day billing cycle, which for purposes of computing charges shall be considered a month. The rates charged to a Customer will be the rates in effect on the first day of the Customer's billing cycle.

Monthly charges for all access service components, provided hereunder, are billed in advance of service and reflect the rates in effect as of the date of the invoice.

Bills are due and payable as specified on the bill. Bills may be paid by mail or in person at the business office of the Telephone Company or an agency authorized to receive such payment. All charges for service are payable only in United State currency. Payment may be made by cash, check, money order, cashier's check or certain major credit cards. Customers shall have thirty (30) days from the receipt (normally three days after rendition of bill) of bill to pay the charges stated before charges are considered delinquent.

If any portion of the payment is not received by the Telephone Company, or if any portion of the payment is received by the Telephone Company in funds that are not immediately available, then a late payment penalty may be assessed.

The Telephone Company may assess up to a twenty dollars (\$20) charge for each returned check or credit card chargeback.

The Customer is responsible to pay the Telephone Company for all toll calls or other third party charges resulting from the origination of calls to points outside the local exchange and for charges or calls billed to the Customer's number.

If service is suspended/disconnected by the Telephone Company in accordance with the provisions of the Tariff and later restored, restoration of service will be subject to all applicable reconnection charges.

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