## SECTION 2 - RULES AND REGULATIONS (Cont'd)

### 2.4 PAYMENT FOR SERVICE RENDERED (Cont'd)

2.4.2 The Customer is responsible for payment of all charges for service furnished to the Customer, or the Customer's agents, End Users or customers. All charges due by the Customer are payable to the Company or to the Company's authorized billing agent. Any objections to billed charges must be reported promptly to the Company.
2.4.3 The Company reserves the right to assess a charge of $\$ 20.00$ whenever a check or draft presented for payment of service is not accepted by the institution upon which it is written. The foregoing shall not limit the Company's right to discontinue service for returned checks or drafts under Section 2.9.1 below.

### 2.4.4 Application of Late Payment Charge

A. Late payment charges do not apply to final accounts.
B. 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).
C. Customer bills are due on the due date specified on the bill. A customer is in default unless payment is made on or before the due date specified on the bill. If payment is not received by the customer's next billing date, a late payment charge of $1.5 \%$ will be applied to all amounts previously billed under this Tariff, including arrears and unpaid late payment charges.
C. Late payment charges to not apply to those portions (and only those portions) of unpaid balances that are associated with disputed amounts. Undisputed amounts on the same bill are subject to late payment charges if unpaid and carrier forward to the next bill.
2.4.5 If Company initiates legal proceedings to collect any amount due hereunder and the Company substantially prevails in such proceedings, then the Customer shall pay all reasonable attorneys' fees and costs incurred by the Company in prosecuting such proceedings and any appeals therefrom.

